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Holden's planning centre for visitors

HOLDEN'S Brewery has revealed plans to open a visitor centre and launch tours as part of an ongoing £250,000 expansion of the site.

The firm announced the plan as work to extend the existing brewery and boost production at the site, in George Street, Woodsetton, started this week.

Bosses say the visitor centre is in an early stage of development and no work will begin until the brewery extension has been completed.

They say the centre is likely to be a year or so away but are eager to get tours of the brewery up and running in the future. Managing director Jonathan Holden said: "We are a local company nearly 100 years old, which people are quite interested in."

"People like to see what goes on behind the walls of the brewery."

"The product is selling well and there is an interest to see how it is made, from start to finish."

An area has been allocated for the visitor centre, which would include information panels on the brewery's history and a meeting room.

Tours would also be reintroduced after they were stopped three years ago because of the works.

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Bid to move memorial

A BID to move a Dudley war memorial to a new home has been launched by a Royal British Legion branch chairman.

Councillor Ken Finch wants the monument in Woodsetton to be given a facelift and moved to a more prominent place.

It stands in the grounds of the former Mount Tabor Methodist Church, Sedgley Road.

Anyone with information about the site and memorial can contact Councillor Finch on 01902 673451

BIG WELCOME FOR WEST BROM MOVE

by Adam Burling

West Bromwich Building Society's decision to move its HQ to Dudley has been hailed as "excellent news" for the borough's economy.

Council chiefs and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly are among those who have welcomed the decision by the building society to uproot from its West Bromwich home and relocate to The Waterfront, near Merry Hill shopping centre. Chief executive Jonathan Westhoff said the society was moving to the Point North development, into a former base of banking company egg. After an extensive fit-out, it is hoped staff will move across to Dudley by autumn next year.

Arrival will be catalyst for growth

WEST Bromwich Building Society's move to The Waterfront in Brierley Hill has been called a catalyst for regeneration.

Businessman Roy Richardson, who developed The Waterfront and Merry Hill shopping centre with his brother Don, has welcomed the move.

His Oldbury company Richardsons Capital own the Point North building and have been seeking new tenants since online finance firm egg moved out.

Mr Richardson said: "We are delighted that a local company like The West Brom is coming to The Waterfront because it will bring jobs to Brierley Hill while also keeping them in the Black Country."

"I think The West Brom coming to Point North will act as a catalyst for The Waterfront and is wonderful for Brierley Hill as well." The news comes after big name employers pulled out of The Waterfront leaving the landmark development almost half empty. Lloyds Banking Group announced in February that it was moving all 217 staff from The Waterfront while Virgin Media also moved some of its employees.

Earlier this year, Dudley Council revealed plans to create an attractive package of incentives to tempt businesses back to The Waterfront. Mr Richardson added: "It will boost The Waterfront to have a business like The West Brom which will have a knock-on effect."

Mr Westhoff said: "The brand is what the society's name represents, our goods and services, rather than a geographical location. We're keeping ourselves in this heartland, keeping ourselves in our home roots."

"It gives us the necessary growth capacity for the coming years and that is the strongest message we can put out for our members and staff."

The society has been in West Bromwich for 160 years but bosses said its current home in a 1970s block, was no longer fit for purpose or its future plans.

Chiefs then considered a new base at West Bromwich's £75million Providence Place development.

But bosses said the asking price was higher than expected, so they looked towards Point North, which Mr Westhoff said was ideally suited as it was designed for a financial services company.

The society has now agreed with Richardsons Capital to lease 70,000 sq ft of space at the six-tier canal-side block.

Significant

Leader of Dudley Council David Sparks said the move was "excellent news" for the Waterfront and Dudley.

"The fact that such a significant financial institution has chosen to come to Dudley is a big vote of confidence for the future of the area," he said.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly said: "This is fantastic news for the local economy here in the Dudley borough."

He added: "We need more and more sustainable jobs in Dudley South and this is what we are now seeing. Dudley is open for business, as is Dudley South."

Paul Bennett, president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "It's great to hear. Given the amount of vacant space at the Waterfront it's good that such a high profile local business is choosing to relocate there." But Sandwell Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said the move was "an utter disgrace".

Canal festival makes return



Steve Bingham, Chairman of the Parkhead Canal Festival, with a barge and a 1932 Ford coal Truck in the background and in front of his canal cottage

MORE than 80 narrow and working boats moored up in Dudley as a popular canal festival made a welcome return. Thousands of people flocked to the two-day Parkhead Canal Festival to enjoy a feast of entertainment including canal boat rides and a dog show. The event, which was last held in 2008, was organised by Dudley Canal Trust with Worcestershire and Birmingham Canal Society. ● Steams - Page 2

Jobs at JJB lost as shops are shut

More than 100 jobs have been lost, 17 of which will be in Dudley, and five stores closed across the region as JJB Sports went into administration.

Branches in Merry Hill Centre, Stafford and Walsall were among 133 nationwide that have shut.

Twenty have been bought by rival Sports Direct, including Oldbury and West Bromwich.

In total, 2,060 staff have been made redundant, including 15 at the branch in the Guildhall Shopping Centre in Stafford, 15 in Walsall and 17 at Merry Hill.

Another 19 have gone at Birmingham and 15 at Tamworth.

John Lamb, from Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce, said: "Any loss of jobs is to be regretted and most companies are fighting long and hard to avoid it."

"It is a very difficult time and we can only hope the people who have lost their jobs will find alternative employment."

Sports Direct has saved 550 jobs including those at the JJB warehouse. It has also bought the JJB website.

The news follows the closure of two other units at the shopping centre in Brierley Hill. Fish and chip shop chain Harry Ramsden's closed three weeks ago with the loss of 14 jobs after losing nearly £1 million.

People rally for Scouts

The community has united to help a scout group after raiders smashed their way into the headquarters and stripped it of all the youngsters' equipment.

Some 20 people have contacted the 1st Bromley - Pensnett group since the break-in was reported.

They have offered to donate a new front door, a gazebo and a tent, along with gift sets to be raffled.

Lisa Passmore, volunteer and fundraiser for the group, said she was "amazed" people had been so generous.

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Lenny adds voice to theatre battle

DUDLEY funnyman Lenny Henry threw his weight behind the campaign to save the town's Hippodrome when he visited a foundry in his home town.

"It is a building with lots of history to it, and it is always important to preserve any live venue," he said as he visited Thomas Dudley.

"There are always people who will see it as progress when you knock a building down but with a town as

old as Dudley, history is very important." Lenny said he remembered seeing the legendary comic Tommy Cooper at the theatre.

He said: "It is a building that is definitely worth preserving."

Dudley Council this month applied for planning permission to demolish the former theatre, which has been lying empty for the last three years since Gala Bingo Club moved out. During the visit, Lenny

also spoke of his pride at plans to grant him the freedom of the borough, which will soon be voted on by members of Dudley Council.

"For somebody who never even completed his education, just to even be considered for such a thing is a huge honour," he said. "I'm sure my mother would be very proud."

Lenny, who as a child lived in Douglas Road in Buffery Park, was in Dudley to open a £4.5 million pro-

duction line at the foundry. He said: "I worked for eight months up the road at British Federal, and my father was a foundry worker too, so I feel a great connection with this line of work."

Lenny performed a short comedy act for staff members during his visit to the factory, joking about the names of some of the laboratory cisterns which the company produces. He also joked about his childhood.

Engineers to grow with £6m JLR deal

A DUDLEY toolmaking firm is set to secure up to £6 million of business with Jaguar Land Rover, bosses say - as they look to expand their operations to a new site.

Petford Tools is seeing business boom due to the success of the car industry.

Staff on the moulding line will be increased by 20 per cent while the firm searches for new premises in addition to its base in Peartree Lane, Dudley.

The contracts making tools to be used on parts for the new Freelander and 494 Range Rover Sport would bring in £5m to £6m in around nine months.

The company is also being signed up for about £1.5m of work on the new Ford Focus and lines for Japanese firms.

An extra 14 staff will be taken on in addition to the 70 moulding line workers and the company is also looking to buy another two machines to boost production. The firm, which employs 105 staff, recently broke the £14m annual sales barrier for the first time in its 42-year history.

Bosses have invested £3m over the last five years and the company now operates around the clock.

Canal festival steams back into big success



Malcolm Dunlop, left, and Tony Tibbins, both from the Black Country Living Museum, with the steam narrowboat President



Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram with Mayoress Michelle Mottram get ready to start the duck race



Graham Howland with his Petter light paraffin engine, built in 1925



Narrowboats make their way to the Parkhead Canal Festival

A CANAL festival returned to Dudley after a four-year break with more than 6,000 people attending.

The two-day Parkhead Canal Festival saw 86 narrow and working boats moored up between Dudley Tunnel and Blowers Green Pump-house in Peartree Lane.

There was also vintage vehicles put on display, a dog show on the

Sunday and a craft stall and beer tent. People dressed in traditional Victorian outfits for the event.

Organiser Steve Bingham said: "The festival went down very well, it was four years since the last one and I think everyone was pleased to see it back.

"Interest in the canals is still high in the area and it was good to see so many boats turn up." The event also featured canal boat trips and one

tunnel boat trip per day. A duck race was also held on the Sunday, started by the Mayor of Dudley Melvyn Mottram.

The event was organised by Dudley Canal Trust with Worcestershire and Birmingham Canal Society.

The biennial event was set to take place in 2010, but was cancelled amid fears of a water shortage. Money raised from this year's event will be used by the canal trusts to

continue maintenance of the canals. Mr Bingham said: "We haven't counted how much has been raised yet, but we're hoping for about £1,000.

"Any money coming our way is much needed as many of the waterways are old and in need of repairs."

Organisers hope the festival will raise awareness of the canal system and generate interest which will support the trusts.

A new boss for children

A NEW director of children's services has been appointed by Dudley Council after her predecessor retired.

Jane Porter has taught in schools across the borough, previously served as a school inspector and with the Ofsted inspectorate.

She has held assistant director posts at the council, including for the school improvement service and the early years, youth and education service and was also acting director.

Her appointment follows the recent retirement of Mark Wyatt.

History events

AMBLECOTE History Society will stage its next events at the Ruskin Mill Glass Centre, Wollaston Road.

The next meeting will be on October 10 featuring a talk on Wollescote Hall. Andrew Lound will bring wartime costumes and memorabilia to the next meeting on November 14.

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NEWS in brief

Call to gardener to tend allotment

OVER-50s who would like to help tend an allotment are being urged to contact Age Concern for Stourbridge and Halesowen.

The charity is to start a gardening club after acquiring an allotment in Springfield Road, Wollaseaton.

Task Force Lye – a group of Lye residents in their 40s – is helping Age Concern to clear waist-high weeds and prepare the site for the club.

Anyone can register their interest. Call 01384 395534 for further details.

Student awarded college funding

A STUDENT from Dudley has secured a bursary to fund her studies at Cambridge University.

Lydia Bagley, of Brierley Hill, is among 10 students from the West Midlands who have received bursaries from awarding body OCR.

The students were presented with their awards at a ceremony ahead of the start of their studies at Cambridge in October.

This is the ninth successive year OCR has awarded bursaries to students in the region.

Protest planned at circus event

ANIMAL rights campaigners are planning to stage a protest outside a circus when it visits Dudley.

But organisers of the Bobby Roberts Super Circus, which will hold shows in Wall Heath from October 3 to 7, say they treat their animals fairly.

National group The Captive Animals' Protection Society has called for a public boycott over concerns about horses in the circus at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club.

RAFA branch raises £2,000

MORE than £2,000 was collected by the Royal Air Force Association's Stourbridge branch during Battle of Britain commemorations.

Volunteers held a street collection, and RAF veterans held their commemorations in Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park.

Charity help call

A CHARITY needs volunteers to mentor youngsters going through tough times. Mentor Link, Stourbridge, wants people to volunteer for six months. Call 07973 572768.

Family of accused fly out as trial due to start



Luke Walker, when aged 22

THE family of Luke Walker have flown out to Greece as he prepares to go on trial this month accused of killing his girlfriend.

His father Patrick and elder brother Ryan have joined Luke's mother Lindy in Crete ahead of the trial, which starts on October 16.

Prosecutors claim Luke, of Brierley Hill, beat Chelsea Hyndman, aged 20, to death in the holiday resort of Malia in 2010. It is not known how long

the trial will last but his family are pinning their hopes on evidence from defence witnesses, including some of her friends.

The 24-year-old has been forced to remain in the country since he was charged.

Rented

His family has been travelling back and forth to see Luke who has been staying in a rented apartment. Electrical contractor Mr Walker said the family was

"praying" for a positive outcome after months of despair waiting for the case to be heard.

"We have wanted this to arrive for so long but I'm still nervous about it," said the 55-year-old who runs Walkers Electrics.

"I can't remember a normal life, and to have not had Luke back home for so long now is still so upsetting. Without the support of the people around here, both financially and emotionally, I don't know what we would have

done – they have been great. We are just praying that it is all over soon, hopefully by the end of the year but we just don't know yet."

Defence

The couple met three years before her death while working as holiday reps. Luke's defence is that Chelsea's injuries were caused by a fall on a night out rather than, as prosecutors suggest, during a fit of jealous rage by him.

Brothers hoping to bring brewing back this month

A BREWERY which will bring beer-making back to a historic Dudley pub for the first time in 150 years could be launched next month.

The Fownes Brewing Company has submitted plans to turn outbuildings at the Jolly Crispin, Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, into the new brewery.

Bosses said they were expecting a decision to be made by Dudley Council on October 2 as no objections have been received so far.

Subject to permission being granted, work will start to move equipment into the outbuildings and the site will be officially launched on October 18.

Eight casks of ale will be produced weekly when production gets under way but bosses hope to increase this to up to 1,500 pints a week by the end of next year.

A launch event has been planned for October 18 where the full range of beers produced by the company will be on the bar.

Brothers Tom and James Fownes, who are launching the brewery, will be on hand to talk about each of the beers.

People will also be able to see the brewery in action and learn more about the brewing process and which ingredients are used.

The brewery is a separate business to the pub but will supply both it and beer festi-

by Lee Watton

ivals with ale. James Fownes, 32, of The Ridgeway, Sedgley, said everything was progressing well and they were hoping for a positive decision on the plans early next month.

"I have been in touch with the council and at the moment no objections have been received to the plans. We are expecting a decision to be made on October 2.

Machinery

"Once approval has been received we will start moving all the machinery into the site.

"It will be a lot of work but we are confident everything will be ready in time for October 18."

The brothers have built most of the equipment themselves in order to keep down costs. The brewing company was launched in May and supplied its first cask of Frost Hammer ale to the Jolly Crispin in July.

The last time beer was brewed at the pub was in the 19th century.



Trainee keeper Shaun Crompton gets his mobile phone from mischievous lemur, Splitz

Lemur lifts keeper's phone and then Splitz

SPLITZ the black and white ruffed lemur was in the doghouse after turning pickpocket and running off with trainee zookeeper Shaun Crompton's mobile phone.

Shaun was carrying out his daily duties in Lemur Wood at Dudley Zoological Gardens when the mischievous mammal crept up behind him, reached into his fleece pocket and pinched the phone.

He then darted off down the path into the underground.

Shaun said: "My pocket zip is broken, so Splitz was able to reach in and grab it and before I could stop him he had already run off with it in his hand.

"He climbed quite high up into a tree and was beginning to chew the phone, so I had to get team leader Pat Stevens to ring it.

"The phone vibrated in his hand when it rang and thankfully he dropped it, but it landed in thick nettles, so I'm now covered in nettle rash after retrieving it.

"The good news is that it's still working, but I think I need to mend my pocket, so Splitz can't get his hands on it again."

Nightclub 'unfairly labelled'

THE owner of a nightclub given a string of strict operating conditions, claims his venue has been unfairly branded as trouble.

Indulgence in Brierley Hill has more than 30 conditions relating to security stamped on its licence by a Dudley Council licensing panel.

The conditions came as a result of a licence review called for by police on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Officers had forced the cancellation of a birthday party at the Wedgbury Way venue in June following a shooting the week before at nightclub Code in Dudley.

Police said they had intelligence of a gang-related threat to someone's life.

But owner Steven Simpson said the cancellation and the verdict from the recent hearing had tarnished his club's reputation.

Mr Simpson, who also owns Pulse nightclub in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, said his businesses were clean of trouble.

He said: "It's difficult enough to run a nightclub in these times without the publicity and more conditions on my licence."

Survey on divorce rate

MORE than half of people in the West Midlands have a family member who is divorced – and four out of five say children should come first in a marriage break-up.

The figures are part of a survey carried out on behalf of Resolution, a national group of family lawyers, including the Black Country Collaborative Law Group.

The online survey, which brought responses from 193 people in the West Midlands, found 45 per cent thought divorce was impossible without conflict. Only one per cent said being financially better off than their partner in a split would be the most important consideration.

Homes planned

FIVE new homes could be built on council-owned land in Dudley.

Plans have been submitted for the two-bed houses on land between Alexandra Street and Edward Street. It would consist of a terrace of four houses and one detached home.

Smoking costs £70m

SMOKING costs the Dudley borough's economy £70 million a year, say health bosses.

Figures from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) show a loss to the workplace of people who die early due to the habit costs £23.2m and lost productivity from workers taking smoking break notches up another £16.4m. Sick days from smoking related illnesses cost a further £14.1m. The ASH survey estimates the habit costs the Dudley NHS £15.2m and another £4m from passive smoking.

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NEWS

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



AFTER the recent report of mysterious lights in the night sky, a reader tells me he once came second in an astronomy quiz and won the constellation prize.

QUOTE of the week. "You haven't heard the last of this." Tory whip Andrew Mitchell's (alleged) parting shot to the police officer who made him get off his bike.

IN THE wake of the Mitchell business, a reader asks when the term 'pleb' became an insult. He says he often greeted his fellow office workers with a cheery "Morning, plebs!" I suspect no-one minds being called a pleb by a fellow pleb. It's when the ruling classes start calling you plebs that we mentally begin to sharpen the guillotine blades.

ISN'T it irritating to get a print-out from the bank cash machine so faint you can barely read it? My bank, HSBC, made nearly £12,000 million profit in 2010. How much will they have to make before they can afford to put some ink in the printer?

THE PARADISE (BBC1) was beautifully set, subtly lit, gorgeously costumed and, in the main, quietly spoken in soothing Geordie tones. Yes, we fell asleep, too.

CLARISSA Dickson Wright, the Fat Lady cook, says if badgers are going to be culled, why not eat them? She suggests turning badger meat into ham or casseroling it. I can't see it happening. Countryfolk will eat just about anything but they avoid badger. When a badger is killed, even a hungry fox will give it a wide berth. The stinking carcasses lie around for ages because the only creatures willing to eat dead badgers are maggots. Tell you what, Clarissa. You can have my share.

A BORED-looking cop was hunched over his speed trap, just down the road from Chateau Rhodes. That spot is targeted every few weeks not because it's particularly dangerous but because it's one of those downhill stretches where unwary, usually out-of-town, drivers tend to drift a few mph over 30, which makes them prime candidates for the speed-awareness industry. If the authorities really wanted to stop people speeding they could put up more signs, or even a flashing digital warning. But they don't. They want customers for courses at £100 a time. Call me old-fashioned but I would rather see a uniformed copper enforcing cycling rules in Downing Street than taking part in this creeping commercialisation of our legal system.

NOTHING rips families apart quite like money issues and the bonkers plan to get young people on the housing ladder raised at the Lib-Dem conference could turn into the mother of all family wreckers. The scheme is for middle-aged parents approaching retirement to get their lump sum early from their pension pot and use it as the kids' deposit on a house. But what if the parents need that money? What if they simply don't trust their kids to manage a mortgage? The scope for blazing arguments is enormous. And what if the kids take the money, default on the mortgage and lose the lot? Who will bail out the pensionless parents? You and me, brother.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

School stands by its lunchtime ban

A SCHOOL says it banned pupils from the building at lunchtime because of "concerns" about litter and behaviour in the corridors. The move at The Coaseley School followed complaints of bad behaviour by some children recently. It resulted in a boy being excluded after a fracas with another teenager but some parents criticised the decision, with one saying it left pupils cold, wet and in danger from "undesirables".

Headmistress Mandy Elwiss says the children were safe because the site is "totally secure". She insists the children were asked to stay outside the building for one lunchtime only. The children, who had an early finish due to a parents' evening, will now be allowed back into the building during lunchtime from. She added: "As far as I know, we are the only school in Dudley that has a policy whereby the youngsters can stay inside at lunchtime - but that is a privilege, not a right. We are now reviewing that policy but will be consulting the students." Mrs Elwiss denied suggestions there had been an incident in which pupils ran out of the building to try to have a fight with pupils from another school on Friday. She said: "There was an incident, which I would not describe as a

Original name of hall to be restored

AN historic Dudley hall's traditional name has been restored, nearly a decade after it was controversially scrapped to create a more modern image. Dudley Concert Hall will once again be known by its original name of Dudley Town Hall after council leaders decided to reverse the change made in 2004. Authority bosses said most people had continued to call it the town hall and the name was an important part of the town's heritage. But they said the name would only be changed on signs and printed materials when the need arose in order to minimise costs. The change has already been posted on the council's official web page for the venue. The building had been called Dudley Town Hall for 75 years before the change was made in 2004 following restoration work. It was made to update the image of the building and for visitors to the town to more easily make the distinction between the building and the nearby council house. But council leaders said they now wanted to take it back to its roots.

Tribute acts on the bill for JB's big reopening

Nightclub JB's launches this weekend with bosses vowing live music will remain central to its ambitions.

The Castle Hill venue once played host to Robert Plant and U2 and was renowned across the region. But now the club has had a six-figure transformation allowing owners to hold wedding receptions and conferences as well as music.

The move sparked controversy from the club's devoted fans from down the years who besieged JB's old Facebook page to complain about the revamp.

Owner Ramesh Kumar Ahir says they will consider a return for rock nights at the club but maintained they were "aiming to cater to all tastes".

The opening night is on Saturday, October 6, when JB's will host tribute acts to singers Michael Buble, Amy Winehouse and Pink.

Mr Ahir has linked with entertainment agency Aston Management in a bid to source live acts and bands to fit the bill at the nightspot.

Rival Tony Aston, from the agency, said the 900-capacity JB's could rival top venues like Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Wulfrun Hall for touring acts.

"Live music and entertainment will feature at JB's and we are just asking for people to come out and support us," Mr Aston said. "The club is capable of hosting a variety of events including bands for live music as we can bring in bigger PA systems."

He added the club is keen to hold talks with promoters to discuss gigs. Mr Ahir, who took over in October, admitted he was "surprised" by the reaction from some former regulars to JB's. But the businessman says the club must have a diverse line up of events to be profitable.

Historic gates to get facelift



The historic gates at the former Corbett Hospital are being refurbished

A PAIR of historic gates from the entrance of a former Stourbridge hospital are being given a facelift. Dudley NHS is spending almost £5,000 on sprucing up the ornate wrought iron gates to the old Corbett Hospital building in High Street, Ambicote.

The move has been welcomed by local historians, who say the light-blue, painted gates, which have an archaeological listing and are more than 100 years old, had become rusty and slightly bent. When members of Ambicote History Society first saw the gates had disappeared, they feared they may have been stolen by metal thieves. But the alarm turned to delight when Dudley NHS, which now owns the site, revealed it had removed them for refurbishment. Dudley NHS spokesman Lindsey Harding said: "When the specialist work is finished, they should be looking shiny and beautiful again."

Council's HQ finally opens

WYRE Forest District Council's new £10 million headquarters has opened this week - a month later than planned after computer links were not installed on time.

Workers have already started moving from the council's base at Stourport Civic Centre to the building at Finepoint Business Park, near Kidderminster.

The site, which has taken more than a year to build, will finally opened on Monday and will house more than 200 workers.

They were originally due to begin work at the new building at the start of last month, but the move was delayed after vital computer data links were not ready.

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Businesses optimistic over town

TRADERS in Stourbridge have vowed to survive parking problems in light of a multi-million town centre development which they hope will herald a new start for the town.

Businesses say the new £50 million Crown Centre, with a Tesco supermarket and 543-space car park, will bring more shoppers to the town.

They asked customers to stay loyal to the independent traders after admitting it will remain a struggle while disruption continues.

Council bosses said they were trying to keep disruption to a minimum.

Stacey Smith, joint proprietor of Scary Canary Clothing in Victoria Passage, says she is so positive about the town's prospects she has invested in bringing in a line of clothing from US singer Beyonce.

"I really believe in the town and I think there are a lot of independent businesses in Stourbridge that offer something different," said the 31-year-old, who runs the store with her business partner Steve Pilcher.

Francesca Portera, aged 30, owner of women's fashion outlet Bella Boo in High Street, said business remains brisk despite the works.

Lenny set to get freedom

Dudley comedian Lenny Henry is to be given the Freedom of the Borough.

Councillors will be asked this month to formally approve a decision to bestow the honour on the Dudley-born comedian, actor and television presenter.

Dudley Council has announced an extraordinary meeting of the full council will be held on Monday, October 8, when the Freedom of the Borough will be agreed.

Councillor David Sparks, leader of the council, said: "It is with great pleasure that we are offering one of Dudley's proudest sons the Freedom of Dudley."

The council wants to honour Lenny, he added.

Ghostly event

THE latest ghost tour of Dudley takes place next week, starting and finishing in the Station Hotel, at the bottom of Castle Hill. It will take in sites around the town, including the castle. The walk is on October 10 from 8pm. Tickets are £8. To book call 01384 812812.

Traders are facing six more weeks of works

TRADERS who have already been hit by six months of roadworks are facing more misery as another six weeks of works have been announced.

Engineers have made two roads one-way on the boundary between Halesowen and Rowley Regis while they replace gas mains as part of the 26-week project.

Businesses in Gorsty Hill Road and Coombs Road say takings have dropped by half because customers are being put off by the lack of parking spaces and queuing

traffic along the route. It was hoped the £500,000 project would finish soon, but now another six weeks of work on gas and water mains has started in surrounding roads under the scheme.

Traders are already planning to claim compensation for lost earnings as a result.

Mother-of-two Dalvinder Kaur, who owns the Olympia chip shop in Coombs Road, said: "Nobody wants to come up here anymore anyway so this will just make things even worse. It's been a really

bad year." Dudley Council is co-ordinating the works being done by South Staffordshire Water and National Grid.

During the first phase, until October 10, temporary traffic lights will be set up at the junction of Coombs Road and Gorsty Hill, and both roads will still be one-way.

Phase two will start on October 11, when both roads will fully open to two-way traffic. However, there will be four-way temporary lights at the junction of

Coombs Road, Haden Hill Road, Dudley Road and Furnace Hill. The council says "significant disruption to traffic" is expected for two weeks.

From October 26 the council says disruption will be reduced as the phasing of the signals will be changed for the final 10 days of the work.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transport, says the replacement of gas and water mains is "critical" and apologised for any disruption caused.

The wait is over as students bring a buzz to new centre

AFTER years of planning, a multi-million-pound sixth form centre in Dudley has finally opened to students. The new facility is part of Dudley College.

These pictures show the completed Dudley Sixth campus for the first time since lessons started there this term. It includes dozens of classrooms, two lifts, three toilets, a common room and large library. Christine Richards, assistant director at the college, said: "The new campus has created a real buzz around the college as the students come back."

Training and jobs secured with buyout

EIGHTY jobs and hundreds of apprenticeships have been secured after a training provider which has a base in Dudley was bought out.

First4Skills, which went into administration recently, employs more than 526 people across the country and has offices in Trafalgar House, King Street, Dudley.

Liverpool Community College, which has 17,000 students, has completed a deal to acquire the majority of the company's business and assets.

The takeover of First4Skills will see the college become one of the country's biggest providers of apprentice training, as it will be responsible for the training of more than 10,000 apprentices in total.

The deal has been struck just weeks after Wolverhampton-based training firm JML Dolman went into liquidation.

First4Skills provides apprenticeships in sectors including business, hospitality, social care, warehouse work and customer service.

Firms including New Look, Primark, Maplin, Currys and PC World taken on apprentices trained there. The jobs saved at the Dudley base include trainers and office staff.

"This is fantastic news for Liverpool and for the college," said college principal Elaine Bowker.

"As well as safeguarding the jobs of First4Skills's people, it brings together the best practice of the public sector and the resources of the private sector to create an organisation which will be a market leader in apprenticeship training."

"The building is obviously brand new and full of modern technology which the students and teachers are enjoying getting used to. We hope it further inspires students' learning and helps reach their targets."

Around 220 students signed up for the lower sixth this year, taking the total number of people enrolled in the sixth form up to around 350. The college hopes for another bumper enrolment next year to take the total number of students to 500.

Happy

Among the students this year is 17-year-old Hardip Sidhu, from Wolverhampton.

He said: "I love the space we have here to learn, everyone seems happy to be here. I think that's what learning in a new building does."

Natalie Chidhakwa, 17, of Sedgley said: "I think it is good."

The building, which cost £6.6million, was finished just before the start of term two weeks ago.

The sixth form has moved to the new centre from the college's campus on The Broadway and is part of a wider project to create a learning quarter in the town.

This includes the college's Broadway campus, Dudley Sixth and the Dudley Evolve vocational training centre.

The Dudley Sixth building has three levels and each of the floors has a different colour theme.

Candlelight nights

VISITORS can see a stately home lit by candlelight during special night-time events. Harrington Hall near Kidderminster will open on October 31 and December 5.

Costumed re-enactors will perform events from the site's history.

There will be performances at 6.30pm and 7.45pm. Tickets are £13.50. Call 01562 777846 for details.



Christine Richards, assistant director of Dudley Sixth, outside the centre



In the science lab are, from left, Hannah Williamson, Gurveer Dhanjan, Hansley Gengadoo, Delano Webley, James Roberts and Metisse Campbell, front

NEWS in brief

Search on to find the new leader

THE search is on for a new Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire.

The role has been empty since the death of the former chairman of Brintons Carpets, Kidderminster. Michael Brinton, had been in the role since 2001.

Worcestershire County Council is now working with the Prime Minister's appointments secretary in the search for a new holder of the title.

More information about the role and the responsibilities can be found at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/lord-lieutenant.

Library launching children's funtime

KIDDERMINSTER Library is launching preschool activities for children.

The Thursday morning sessions, from 10.30 to 11am, are being run jointly with Treetops Children's Centre.

Children aged up to five and their parents are invited to have fun and learn together with music, songs and rhymes. "Shake, rattle and roll", run during term times. Sessions will start on October 4.

College project helps find jobs

MORE than 300 people have found work in the last year since a jobs' project was launched by Dudley College.

The Employment Hub at The Broadway campus was set up last year to help jobseekers improve their skills and get free training.

Training is available in forklift truck driving, warehousing and basic English. Call 01384 363804 for more details.

Pest control calls have settled down

PEST control services in Dudley are back to normal following a surge in resident call-outs.

Earlier this month, it was reported the team at Dudley Council was only offering advice over the phone because of the high pressure in calls.

They also told residents to hire private pest control firms instead.

Arson campaign

COMMUNITY leaders in Wyre Forest have backed a campaign to crack down on arson. The Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership is working with the fire service to help reduce the number of fires.

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NEWS

Teenager is locked up for attack on boy in street

A TEENAGER who left a 16-year-old boy with brain damage after an attack has been locked up.

Kevaughn Redden, also aged 16, punched Conor Southall in the face with in Halesowen on June 15.

The impact knocked the victim, from Oldbury, unconscious. He suffered head injuries when his head hit the pavement.

At Dudley Youth Court last week, Redden, of Long Lane, Halesowen, was sentenced after pleading guilty to causing grievous bodily harm.

This is the first time he can be identified after reporting restrictions were lifted following an application by the local press.

Imposing an 18-month custodial sentence, chairman of the bench, Kenneth Slater, told Redden he had been reckless as to the consequences of his action.

He said: "This will never be over for Conor Southall. You will have to live with that for the rest of your life."

The court heard the victim was with a friend when they saw three teenagers including the defendant in Olive Lane, Halesowen. Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, said: "It was entirely unprovoked and the one blow caused Conor Southall to sustain catastrophic injuries."

The court heard Conor now requires round-the-clock care.

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said Redden denied intending the harm caused. "He accepts causing the harm, he accepts it was a blow he dealt, but he has always denied he intended the harm caused," he said.

Speaking directly to the magistrates, Redden said: "I do regret what I have done."

Centre fit to be with best



Site fitness co-ordinator Kevin Daly celebrates the bronze award with staff Luke Fidoe and Ian Horton and other members of the gym

SMETHWICK Swimming Centre has been crowned one of the best health clubs or leisure centres in the region.

The centre in Thimblemill Road won bronze in the West Midlands (North) division of the national Health Club of the Year awards. The competition, in its second year, attracted more than 400 entries nationally. Kevin Daly, site fitness

co-ordinator, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. This award takes into account feedback from our members."

The centre, known to many as Thimblemill baths, will celebrate its 80th anniversary next year. Staff from the centre picked up the award in Birmingham. The centre is managed by Sandwell Leisure Trust.

Guided ramble in wood

A FIVE-MILE guided woodland ramble over the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, will be held on October 10, starting at 10am.

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LETTERS

Treasures can be under your nose

HOW often it is that we search far and wide for perfect treasures, yet we sometimes fail to spot the gems that exist right under our noses.

Such was the case when my wife and I visited Walsall Town Hall on September 15 for their "Last Night at the Proms" concert organised by Walsall Rotary Club for a cancer charity.

The concert itself was very enjoyable, featuring the Walsall Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Clive Allsop and the Sheffield Male Voice choir.

In addition, there were two extremely talented and well-travelled young performers, Warren Mailley-

Smith and Susan Parkes, who were far and away the stars of the show.

Pianist, Warren Mailley Smith was unbelievable, playing without music sheets, his delivery of pieces known for being complex, turbulent and vibrant that would test the most accomplished of performers was excellent.

Strong, tempestuous and contrasting themes delivered faultlessly. Soprano, Susan Parkes was born in Walsall and is fiercely proud of her Black Country heritage.

Her personality and confidence shone through the moment she walked on stage. Then, after a brief introduc-

tion, she walked across stage away from the microphone.

Sitting near to the back of the hall, we expected to listen intently just to hear the songs. Instead, we were absolutely stunned to be suddenly overwhelmed by a tsunami of wonderful strong sounds emanating from this lovely, slender young lady.

She was unbelievable. I would urge anyone interested in opera to listen to Susan Parkes, most certainly a Black Country treasure.

MICHAEL CLIFF
Holcroft Road
Wall Heath

Ineptitude has turned town into dead zone

TO destroy a historic building like the Hippodrome and replace it with a monstrosity like The Public, that the people of West Bromwich were lumbered with by Sandwell Council, or more piles of scrap metal like those we already have on our traffic islands, would be bad enough.

But to replace part of Dudley's Heritage with yet another car park, is crass beyond belief.

It shows that Dudley Council under New Labour's control is just as inept and lacking in the imagination needed to drive the regeneration of a historic town as all the previous administrations which, between them, have managed to turn Dudley into the dead zone it is today.

R A SARGEANT
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Have no illusions, Tesco will bring ruin

IT was sad but not surprising to read of two more shops shutting in Stourbridge partly due to the disruption of the redevelopment taking place in order to accommodate Tesco. Our councillors would have us believe the town will gain in the end, and it will bring more business to the existing shops.

I would say just look at what has happened in Cradley Heath, since Tesco came the town has died, people go to Tesco and get everything they need in one place.

The same will happen in Stourbridge, anyone who thinks otherwise is living in Cloud Cuckoo Land. I think there is another side to the whole thing also, many of your readers will remember the Tesco in Dudley town, they opened a number over the years only to move on when it suited, the notable one being the huge one in King Street which is now Cousins, my point being Tesco will disrupt many people's lives in their quest for more profit, but owe no loyalty to anyone but themselves.

RON GWILLIAMS
Salcombe Drive, Brierley Hill

Scheme will bring nothing of worth

I READ with trepidation of the scheme for Dudley Council to undertake extensive refurbishment at Elizabeth House, Holloway Chambers and Holloway Hall in Priory Street, Dudley.

If this scheme is anything like the one on The Crown pub in Wolverhampton Street we taxpayers are in for a lot of expense with nothing to show for it.

If the Townscape Heritage Initiative funded The Crown I suggest they come and inspect the end result and question how long this building has been left empty.

In my opinion Dudley Council has a finger in too many pies at the present time.

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NEWS

Ambulance service to cut 200 jobs over five years

MORE than 200 jobs will go at West Midlands Ambulance Service over the next five years.

By 2017, the service wants to cut the number of full-time equivalent posts to 3,419, down from 3,647 - a reduction of 228.

Bosses have vowed the jobs would go through natural wastage rather than through redundancies - and said the cuts would have no bearing on the number of paramedics on the streets. Instead, the service is ploughing money into training existing staff up as paramedics.

Director of workforce Kim Nurse said 150 technicians went through the training programme last year alone, with around 200 posts advertised either internally or externally.

"We do need to consolidate the way we work, but we are going to do it by investing in our workforce," she said.

"It will all be done through natural attrition. We know how many people we will lose through retirement or simply moving on."

"We also know how many members of staff we can afford to train and put through university programmes as part of our in-house professional development programmes. That way, we can make sure we have the highest skilled staff possible to care for patients in the West Midlands."

The figures emerged at the service's annual general meeting, held at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital last week.

Ms Nurse said the organisation hoped to be the first ambulance trust in the country to have a paramedic in every ambulance.

Burglar parked on drive

A BURGLAR parked a car on a drive outside a house before stealing two televisions, a laptop and bracelets.

The thief was seen in Linnet Rise, Kidderminster on September 24 when he reversed a silver/grey VW Golf on to the drive. He stole a 42in TV worth £368, a 19in Toshiba TV worth £100, an X-box worth £200, a navy blue Packard Bell laptop worth £200 and two men's silver bracelets worth £30.

Batman star at museum



Actors Cillian Murphy and Paul Anderson at the Black Country Living Museum filming for a BBC drama. Picture by Robert Viglasky

IRISH actor Cillian Murphy brought a touch of Hollywood to Dudley when the Batman films star was working on a new BBC drama series.

The Black Country Living Museum's rolling mill, canal and boat dock were transformed into scenes from the script of the BBC 2 series, Peaky Blinders, as the location was dressed up to look like 1920s Birmingham. Cillian, who is

well-known a villain The Scarecrow in Batman Begins and in The Dark Knight and The Dark Knight Rises - is part of a distinguished cast for the gangster saga.

Museum spokeswoman Fiona Carding, who worked with him on location in Dudley during the week of filming, said: "They were an extremely friendly cast and crew and Cillian was very approachable, a nice guy."

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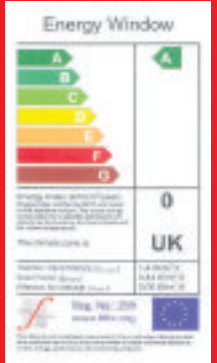
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NEWS

Loos may be reopened after outcry

TOILETS that were controversially closed under council cutbacks could be reopened after an outcry from the public.

Dudley Council said last year the eight toilet blocks in shopping centres had become outdated, often targeted by vandals and were under-used. But the authority has now agreed to carry out a review to see if any could be reinstated.

Where the blocks cannot be reopened, bosses could ask local businesses to let customers use their toilets.

The closure of toilets has been a big issue nationally, with blocks all around the country being shut.

Among the sites which went last summer were The Cross in Kingswinford and Cottage Street in Brierley Hill. The other sites closed were Flood

Street, Dudley, Halesowen Road, Netherton, Castle Street, Cosely, Bank Road, Lower Gornal, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley and Enville Road, Wall Heath. The move has been given a cautious welcome by residents in Netherton who have campaigned against the closure. Ward councillor Qadar Zada said: "It is absolutely clear that we need a local facility in Netherton."

Action call to stop cars speeding near to school

Truck in the pink for cause



Grandmother Mo Usowicz and the pink truck dedicated to her daughter Nikki Usowicz who died from cancer - top are Nikki's daughters Danni Perrins and Jade Perrins with Zoe Lloyd, friend of the family, and Olivia Moffat, daughter of Jade, seated

A SIGN-WRITER'S truck is in the pink to help pick up funds for breast cancer awareness month.

Chris Cook, owner of AKC Signs, Wordsley has fitted his black pick-up truck with pink plastic and is calling for sponsors to be featured on the signage to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

He already has 26 firms signed up

and he will keep the new colour scheme throughout October. The total so far is £1,300. It was a tragedy among friends which prompted this special effort, as a friend of Mr Cook and his wife Kelly - Nikki Usowicz - recently lost her battle with breast cancer. She leaves daughters Danni, aged 18, and Jade, 21. Call 07891 473204 to sponsor.

CAMPAIGNERS are demanding action to halt motorists driving at double the speed limit near a school in Wordsley.

They fear a serious accident could happen along Balmoral Road unless new safety measures are put in place.

The road feeds into Bells Lane and is used by parents taking their children to Ashwood Park Primary School and close to King George V Park.

Dudley Council officials have agreed to look at the scheme following a request from ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley. Councillor Hemingsley carried out a survey with residents of the road after the issue came to light - it received unanimous support from homeowners.

Among the options being considered are flashing warning signs which activate when drivers break the 30mph limit.

"Some of the speeds the cars are reaching are unbelievable, I've been told they can reach anything up to 70 mph," he said.

"The school is at the bottom of the road and it can be busy down here with parents parking."

"Vehicles are often speeding during the times when children walk to or leave Ashwood Park School."

Ashwood Park Primary headteacher Steve Hudson welcomed the views of residents and Councillor Hemingsley. "Anything that can be done to keep the children safe is good news with me," he said.

Councillor Judy Foster, said: "The request will be added to the local safety scheme assessment for the next financial year 2013/14."

Solicitors raise funding

A FIRM of solicitors raised £500 for a children's charity in their second annual cyclathon and "walkathon."

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NEWS

£24m learning campus aiming to open in 2014

A £24 million learning campus - which will be built on the same site as two Kidderminster schools - is scheduled to open within two years.

Under the proposals a new school would open, catering for 220 pupils, aged between two and 19, with special educational needs. A new science teaching block, an early years hub and boarding house would also be constructed on the site of Baxter College and St John's Primary School, Worcestershire County Council submitted it to Wyre Forest district.

The plans aim to bring mainstream and special school pupils together. Classrooms and the science laboratories will be shared by the schools while new sports facilities, including a floodlit artificial pitch and multi-use games area which will be open to the wider community are included.

St John's Primary would be refurbished and extending as part of the scheme, announced by Worcestershire County Council. The new special school, Wyre Forest School, will replace the existing Stourminster and Blakebrook Schools, in Kidderminster.

Bosses say it will be built by phase to minimise disruption and is expected to be finished by summer 2014.

David Thain, cabinet member for transformation and change said: "We are delighted that this exceptional project has got the go-ahead from planners."

Students run up money
STUDENTS at Halesowen College have raised more than £90 during a fun run for Macmillan Cancer Support. The students ran continuously for an hour. The event was organised by Faith Marland, aged 16, a former pupil of Haybridge High School and 17-year-olds Lorraine Gennard, 17, former pupil of Bishop Milner RC School, Laren Gennard, former pupil of Windsor High School and Rashana Gordon.

Baby boy special delivery



Debbie and Anthony Bagbee, from Wall Heath, with their new baby Alex

A FATHER had to become a midwife and delivered his own son when the baby made a sudden appearance.

Many men could have passed out at the prospect but car mechanic Anthony Bagbee, aged 35, is the talk of the town after calmly bringing son Alex into the world.

A West Midlands Ambulance controller talked Anthony through what he had to do on the telephone when his wife, Debbie, went into labour at their home in Beachcroft Road, Wall Heath just after 5am on

September 26. Alex was born at 5.30am, weighing 7lb 5oz. "Ant is fantastic - a lot of men would have passed out but he kept calm and it was a normal delivery," said Debbie, 34, a commercial manager.

Anthony said: "She went to have a bath and called to me that she was having contractions."

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Families in 27 homes near the former Caparo Aluminium Technolo- gies Ltd plant in Wollaston will each receive £250 from Dudley Council after an investigation found it took too long dealing with complaints. The Local Government Ombudsman has criticised it for taking too long to deal with issues raised by residents. Now senior councillors have agreed to make the £2,000 payout. The council is believed to be waiting for written replies from about five affected residents before their money is processed. Platts Cres- cent resident Steve Sharples, who helped lead an action group which com- plained, said he was glad the money had finally been received.

Olympic boxing trainer sets up college academy

DUDLEY boxing coach who was part of Britain's Olympic medal-winning team has set up a new academy at Stourbridge College to promote the sport to youngsters.

by Tom Mason

Trainer Bob Dillon, aged 55, from the Lions Boxing Club, Brierley Hill, has been involved with the Olympic team for years and played a big part in past successes including champion Amir Kahn.

Mr Dillon has set up the academy with the help of local coaches.

He said: "We are a great country but we need to be pushing the official side of boxing as well. British amateur boxing is only going to get better and better."

He said: "I was so proud to be British at this year's Olympics, I felt 10ft tall and the support of the normal man in the street was astonishing."

The seasoned trainer also praised the work of head coach Robert McCracken, who he said, was the prime reason for the team's success.

"We expected everything we got at the Olympics but we also had our share of good and bad luck, the way the

athletes performed was amazing."

Mr Dillon's involvement in boxing started when he joined Kinver Boxing Club at the age of 11.

After an 18-year career as an amateur boxer, winning tournaments and earning selection for the England Youth team, he decided to take up coaching full time at Warley Boxing Club before moving on to the Lions club, in Bull Street.

He has since helped schools create boxing clubs to encourage the sport at a younger age and get more girls in.

Mr Dillon, said: "Girls used to feel the sport was a bit of a freak show but now a lot more girls want to become involved."

The Lions club was due to stage an auction on Wednesday where one of the lots was two gloves signed by team GB. Cash raised will buy equipment for the gym.



Team GB Boxing Coach Bob Dillon with son and Head Junior Coach Kevin, left, and boxer Ashley Nixon and one of the boxing gloves signed by the Team GB boxers

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NEWS

Record bid boat will be scrapped due to arson

ADVENTURERS have been forced to scrap the building of a powerboat in Dudley and will start all over again 160 miles away after arsonists targeted the warehouse where it was being built.

Alan Priddy started work on the £1.3 million boat in June at Micklewrights, on the Thornleigh Trading Estate, Dudley, for an ambitious round-the-world attempt this November. But construction was hampered by a fire which broke out at the warehouse earlier this year.

It has now been cancelled after Mr Priddy uncovered significant heat damage to the hull of the boat.

The team have now put the challenge back a year and will start rebuilding the boat - in Portsmouth.

Mr Priddy predicts £220,000 and 3,000 hours of work has been wasted.

He said: "It is a big step back, but at the end of the day, when you consider the fear it would not do the job and the very worst fear that it could kill someone, we were left with no choice but to start again."

"I was not prepared to risk the failure of this massive project and I have taken everything we have learnt and done up until now, and will improve upon it."

The decision is a set-back for the team, which was racing against time to get the boat ready for the challenge, scheduled for November 4. Structure and cabins were finished, decks were being laid and two 500 horsepower engines installed.

Mr Priddy said: "Finding out about the damage was a real kick in the teeth - but the team is incredibly resilient."



Alan Priddy, front, and his team with the boat before the arson attack

Bike father raises £1,000

A FATHER-OF-TWO raised more than £1,076 for Beacon Centre for the Blind by taking on a 60km bike challenge.

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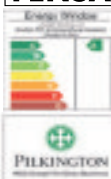
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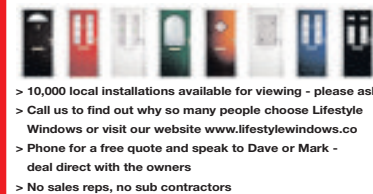
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Tributes as talented 'Dick Decent' dies at age 51

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Dudley musician who played on stage with rock band Def Leppard. He was 51 years old.

Keyboard player Richard Hancock, better known by his stage name Dick Decent, has been hailed a "super-talented musician" by the band, while his family described him as "amazing".

Mr Hancock, of Lower Gornal, was not a regular member of Def Leppard but sat in on tour and played in Joe Elliott and Phil Collen's Cybernauts side project.

His widow Sara Beardes-Hancock, who was with Richard for 27 years before their marriage in February, described him as a "unique, big personality who left an impression on everyone he met". Mrs Beardes-Hancock said: "He was an amazing person.

He helped a lot of different people in different ways, from just showing someone a chord on a guitar through to giving them personal advice.

"He was very clever and I don't think I knew a single subject he could not hold a conversation about. He was well-loved by so many people, from so many different walks of life.

"Through his music, he knew celebrities and famous people but he would be happy talking to anyone," Mr Hancock leaves a son Harry, aged 11, and a daughter Sophie, aged 16.

Tributes to the performer have been posted on websites, including a statement from Def Leppard guitarist Vivian Campbell.

School road patrol back

A SCHOOL crossing patrol in Kidderminster that was withdrawn over fears that speeding drivers were putting lives at risk has been reinstated after part of the road was closed off.

Council chiefs stood the lollipop warden down after "several near miss incidents" in Birmingham Road where drivers ignored road markings. Following the move police officers and the Worcestershire County Council's school crossing patrol supervisor took over.

But now the problem lane with hatched markings has been coned off and bosses say it is safe for the crossing

to start again. It is used by pupils at Offmore Primary and King Charles I schools and residents raised fears that a child could be hurt.

Temporary signs were put up in the area to urge motorists to slow down.

The council says a solution has now been found after discussions with police officers.

Worcestershire County Council spokesman Paul Whittaker said: "It's a real shame that because of irresponsible motorists breaking the law we had to temporarily remove the school crossing patrol for a short period whilst measures were taken to ensure their safety.

"We've worked with the local police to find a solution as quickly as possible and following the coning off of the

hatched lane - which some drivers were travelling illegally - the patrol is now back on-site.

"All of our school crossing patrol staff do a fantastic job that's really appreciated by the communities they serve. Drivers who don't stop when signalled to do so are committing a criminal act that puts lives in real danger. We'd like to appeal to all motorists to drive responsibly."

The council says the problems were caused by speeding drivers and those travelling illegally in a hatched lane.

Wyre Forest District and Worcestershire County councillor Fran Oborski said: "I'm absolutely delighted that the crossing has been returned.

"They are now looking for a permanent solution and talks are ongoing."

MP calls for flags to fly

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin is calling on businesses, schools and public buildings to follow the council's example and fly the Union Flag all year round.

He has, over the last seven years, taken several petitions signed by thousands of residents, to Dudley Council urging the authority to fly the flag.

Mr Austin said: "Getting the council to overturn the old rules and fly the flag every day was one of my pledges at the last election so I'm delighted the new leader of the Council David Sparks and his deputy Cllr Shaikat Ali have taken this decision."

Chief on her bike to pedal message



Councillor Pete Lowe, Neil Lissimore, Mark Sorrell, from the transportation team, and Councillor Judy Foster try out the new cycling scheme routes

A COUNCIL chief got on her bike to encourage residents to take up cycling.

Dudley Council says it wants to build on the success of the Team GB cycling teams in the London 2012 Olympics.

Part of the cycle track along the Dudley No 1 canal towpath between Waterfront Way and Pedmore Road in Brierley Hill was recently upgraded. Further improvements are planned for the route from Pedmore Road to Parkhead Locks.

It comes after Dudley Council was awarded more than £350,000 from the government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund. With more than 60,000 vehicles passing through on a daily basis, the project aims to improve the opportunities for local people to walk and cycle.

Mother locks son in car by accident

A MOTHER accidentally locked her 13-month-old toddler in her car outside her home in Dudley.

The woman, in her 20s, called fire crews after shutting the boot with the keys inside, in Highfield Road, Kates Hill, at 12.40pm on Saturday September 29.

They smashed the rear window of the blue Renault vehicle to get her son out, who had been inside the car for 20 minutes.

Prancing in the moonlight

WOMEN will step out into the moonlight for a late-night walk for a Stourbridge hospice.

The annual Mary Stevens Hospice Moonlight Memories Walk is on October 19.

The 6.5-mile walk will start and finish at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, in Swindon Road, Kingswinford. Fundraisers can gather from 7pm for an energetic warm-up at 7.30pm. Registration is £12 per person. Register at www.marystevenshospice.co.uk.

People called to get hands on social media

RESIDENTS in Dudley are being encouraged to use social media to contact the council as part of a national campaign. The council is among millions of people, groups and organisations taking part in Social Media Week.

It has already included a community safety question and answers session live on Facebook with cabinet member Councillor Judy Foster, and setting up a Twitter account for people to follow the work of the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

The council's social media channels will also be profiled on the homepage of the website to encourage people to get involved.

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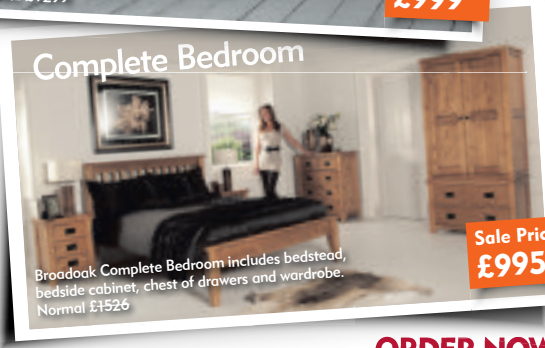


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Comments from our recent Ofsted inspection (May 2012) include:-

- This is a good school. It lives up to its motto of 'every child a scientist' because of its outstanding science provision.
- All groups of students achieve well and their progress is good. For the last three years attainment at the end of Key Stage 4 has been well above that reached by similar students nationally. Students' achievement in science and modern foreign languages, art, design and technology, geography and mathematics is outstanding. Students find learning motivating and persevere to grasp challenging ideas.
- Teachers interest and motivate students well. Students enjoy learning, particularly when they are working in groups or pairs, and when encouraged to take responsibility for their own performance.
- Students' behaviour is outstanding. This is reflected in their excellent behaviour around school and their punctuality to lessons. Students enjoy coming to school ...
- Leaders and managers enable the school to perform well in all aspects. The impressive curriculum provides a broad and balanced range of opportunities leading to rich and memorable experiences. The use of the observatory to extend the science curriculum is an excellent example of this. Students benefit from varied programmes of trips, residential visits and invited speakers. These help ensure that students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding is promoted well.
- Students feel safe in school and are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions. This is evident in the courtesy and respect students show each other, staff and visitors. There is no litter around the site. Students appreciate and respect the high quality of work displayed around the school. Relationships both with staff and between students are excellent and reflect the positive school ethos. Parents, carers and students spoke about the care and support all staff provide, and the impact they have on students' confidence, learning and feelings of safety. Bullying of any kind rarely occurs and students are confident it is dealt with effectively. Students understand the different types of bullying ...
- The Headteacher has been in post a short time and has already made a significant impact upon the school. For example, she has restructured the senior and middle leadership teams to give an appropriately closer focus on teaching and learning in order to raise standards further. She is ambitious for every student's achievement and knows students and their families well. The headteacher's passion and high expectations are shared by all staff.
- Leaders have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and priorities for development. They effectively support and challenge staff, and set high standards for quality and performance through effective professional development and performance management.
- Student participation contributes well to the excellent work the school does with its numerous partners.
- The curriculum is outstanding because the school achieves its aim of providing a highly personalised curriculum for every student which drives their learning and wider understanding of social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues. The curriculum also underpins students' high levels of achievement ...
- It successfully attracts high quality staff and provides good opportunities for them to develop both their professional and leadership skills. This factor has contributed significantly to the school's track record of continual improvement. Together with the effectiveness of recent improvements instigated by the new head teacher, this indicates very good capacity for further improvement.



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Science

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CLUB NEWS

Costume designer gives talk of Fascinating account of Norwegian PoW

KIDDERMINSTER & DISTRICT SOROPTIMISTS

AT THE first speaker meeting after the summer break, Jen Eglinton recounted her artistic career which has led her to becoming artistic director at the Rose Theatre in Kidderminster.

Her love for theatrical design began with the influences of her mother and grandmother passing on dressmaking and sewing skills.

After taking a course in theatrical design at art college, she worked at the Birmingham Rep making costumes before moving to London and spending time at the Drama Academy in Kensington and with an international costumier.

Coming back to the West Midlands, Jen was involved with the Hagley Theatre Group and a further spell with the Birmingham Rep making costume accessories. She also made bridal tiaras and hats for a local shop.

The next speaker and supper meeting is on October 18 at La Brasserie, Kidderminster at 7.30pm. Speaker will be Helen Allen, a retired assistant chief probation officer.

On October 20, the club is holding a joint charity evening at Heightington Village Hall - Casino Royale, supported by Kidderminster Lions and Bewdley Rotary.

Proceeds will go to Women's Aid. Tickets are £10, to include a fish/chicken supper and stake money. Call Shirley Bonas on 01299 400742 or Liz Broadfield on 01299 401253.



Guild members do the Mo-Bot in honour of double Olympic champion Mo Farah

THE club was pleased to welcome Mrs Bose to speak about her work with the babies and children in an orphanage in Kolkata.

It was special to welcome Mrs Bose, as over the last 12 months guild members have been knitting teddies and blankets, making bags, purses and other items for the children and babies in the orphanage, which Mrs Bose takes on her visits to Kolkata. It was good to hear how these items are used and how the children enjoy receiving them.

For the August outing, the guild had a tour round the Cotswolds, with coffee at Stow-in-the-Wold, lunch at Bourton-on-the-Water and a cream tea at The Mill, Lower Laughter.

On September 13, 13 members took part in a sponsored walk at Himley Hall Park as part of a national sponsored walk from

SEDGLEY MORNING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. The miles walked by members from all over the country will be added together to total 874. At the September meeting, Ellie Targett gave a talk entitled "Another Man's Shoes". This was a fascinating account of her father, Sven Somme, a Norwegian scientist who escaped from German custody during the Second World War after his arrest for spying.

Sixty years after her father's escape, Ellie her sister and others set out to retrace the journey her father took and is all documented in a book "Another Man's Shoes".

Awards for long service

CHAIRMAN Jean Latham welcomed 43 members and a visitor to September's meeting. A minute's silence was observed for Rosalie Parry.

Long service awards were presented to Ruth Danks and Gwen Hill.

Certificates for taking part in the crown green bowls finals at Chester were presented to Sue Ward and Jill Perry. The final amount raised from the

WOLLASTON "E" TOWNSWOMEN

annual Macmillan Walk was £162.

Thanks also to the "Amblers", who have raised money for the Carers Association. Forthcoming events include a skittles evening on October 17 at 7.30pm at Stour-

bridge Institute and theatre visit to see 42nd Street in Wolverhampton.

Speaker was Graham Sutherland with stories of "wicked women" of the past.

Competition winners were Jean Latham and Pat Archer. Raffle prizes went to Janet Hodder and Pat Steel.

On October 9 Eva Taylor will speak on the McDonald sisters.



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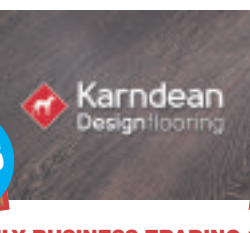
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REVIEWS

Ballet season raises curtain on theatre's brand new stage

Opposites Attract, Birmingham Hippodrome
BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet were the first company to grace the new stage at their home theatre with this triple bill linked by a theme of male-female relationships.

They started with *Take Five*, company director David Bintley's joyful, flirtatious dances to the sound of Dave Brubeck's groovy 1950s jazz, brilliantly recreated by a quartet from the Colin Towns Band.

This light and frothy concoction seems to owe as much to the Young Generation as classical ballet.

Vibrant

It is a vibrant delight that always puts smiles on faces, especially when Carol-Anne Millar is flitting across the stage or Elisha Willis and Tyrone Singleton dance a five-minute love affair. Joseph Caley's *Flying Solo* routine was thrilling.

Lyric Pieces, which got its premier in Birmingham earlier this year, is an intriguing and enjoyable collection of dances choreographed by Jessica Lang to Edvard Grieg's piano music.

The only scenery is provided by reams of black corrugated paper which the dancers unfurl to create pillars, walls and bridges. At first it is gimmick-like and the rasping rustle of the paper distracting. But these dances derived from folklore are engaging with Maureya Lebowitz particularly delightful in the *March of the Trolls*. Pianist Jonathan Higgins was outstanding.

Final piece *Grosse Fuge* is a moody and passionate piece about the war of the sexes by Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen, set on a stark stage and set to the music of Beethoven.

It is a muscular work which required some of the company's finest dancers as womankind - Victoria Marr, Elisha Willis, Momoko Hirata and Samara Downs - responded to a show of strength from the men - Joseph Caley, Chi Cao, Matthew Lawrence and Iain Mackay.

It's back to the classical repertoire for the rest of the season as the BRB perform *Swan Lake* at Birmingham Hippodrome this week, final performance Saturday.

Leon Burakowski



Joseph Caley - Flying Solo in jazz ballet Take Five

Now for something completely different

Rachel Sermanni, Glee Club Studio, Birmingham
WHILE it's too near a cliché to say Scottish singer Rachel Sermanni is unique, she does have a quality which is most definitely different.

In appearance, she is like a female Johnny Depp and even has the vulnerable quality of his character Edward Scissorhands and when on stage she has movement reminiscent of a Victorian automaton.

However, this perfectly complements her voice which is strong, versatile, has seemingly unlimited power coupled with the clarity and quality of Katie Melua.

She opened her set with *Ever Since the Chocolate* from her album *Under Mountains* when she displayed an

almost childlike quality to her singing that belies the deep clear and powerful tones she can wield at will.

Sermanni uses her guitar sparingly, relying instead upon her vocal range. She easily moved from the light ballad to a more blues-style song, *Bones*, where the depth and rawness of her singing would have made Janis Joplin proud.

Lyrics

She gave the packed out Glee Club Studio a glint of her lighter side with the *Burger Van Song* which was inspired by a particularly irritating man who sprinkled sugar on his chips instead of salt and then blamed her. Perhaps not the greatest premise on which to base a song but she made it

work, scattering the lyrics with a pseudo-rap style which had hints of Kate Nash's pre-punk incarnation.

Sermanni has this ability to move her voice around a song like a light on a screen designed to test your reactions. The perfect illustration was *I've Got a Girl*, which had a broken form that musically portrayed the bizarre nature of dreams and perfectly captured the disturbing way in which images can change with no real connection, rhyme or reason. It had a staccato quality like a vocal tango.

Such is the confidence Sermanni has in her voice that towards the end of the set she unplugged her guitar and moved from the mic to treat her fans to an acoustic version of *Song to a Fox*.

Danny Farragher

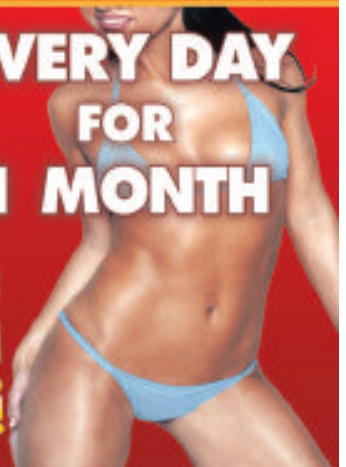
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A dirty job but someone had to do it – peeling potatoes was necessary



This Scout hut was replaced by the one that still stands in Ironstone Road



Chase Terrace Scouts take part in one of their successful stage shows



Scout leaders enjoy one of the summer camps during the 1950s



Reunion organiser Dave Robinson as a boy with his elder brother

Reunion of Scouts as 1950s summer camps are recalled

NEXT Thursday, On October 11, there will be a reunion of old Chase Terrace Scouts at the Spinney Club, Chase Terrace courtesy of David Robinson of Robinson's Butchers.

The collection of photos shown here are mainly of summer camps in Teignmouth, in Devon or at Shanklin on the Isle of Wight.

The Scoutmaster for many years was the revered Bert Wright and he can be seen on some of the group photos. Later, the Scout group was led

by the much thought of Archie Smith.

The photos were taken in the early 1950s, and at this time the hotels and such like at Shanklin had not all re-opened after the war.

One photo shows a bunch of Scouts peeling potatoes – well someone had to do them if you wanted to eat.

Another photo shows some of the Scouts on Shanklin Station with suitcases etc, on their way home. The Isle of Wight were running ex-London - Underground trains, and these still

run today providing a bit of fun to the journey to Ryde. Back home the Scouts carried on with the fun with their gang shows, and one photo shows them on stage in what was usually a successful show.

The Scout hut shown is the one that was replaced by the building that stands in Ironstone Road to this day.

David Robinson is shown as a young lad on one of the photos with his elder brother's arm around him.

Any old Scouts wishing to attend the reunion an contact David via the Burntwood shop or the shop on the corner of Spinney Lane.



An old group shot featuring former Scoutmaster Bert Wright



A group of Scouts at Shanklin Station on the Isle of Wight

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Voluntary groups are handed a cash boost

NEARLY 90 voluntary groups across the Dudley borough which help to support adults and promote social activities have been handed council funding. A total of £47,120 has been allocated to 86 different voluntary groups as part of 2012/13 Small Grants Scheme run by Dudley Council. Among the groups which have benefited this year are the Wall Heath Good Companions, The What Centre in Stourbridge, the African Caribbean & Community Network in Dudley and The Dudley Autistic Support Group in Quarry Bank. The largest support grant offered through the scheme this year was for more than £1,200. The scheme is aimed particularly at groups that promote independence and social inclusion and look to extend their services to include people with disabilities and older people.

Campaigners in race against time to save building

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save a former Sons of Rest building in Halesowen say they face a race against time as council bosses look for a swift solution on the future of the site. More than 200 people have signed a petition opposing the planned sale of the building, on land between Alexandra Road and

Digger hit by arsonist

WALL Well, by Dudley Council. Last month residents were told they had two weeks to provide a business plan to prove the building can be run sustainably. Councillor Donella Russell is heading the group of residents, which include Mervyn Holloway, of Alexandra Road. The 78-year-old retired sign writer said: "The council say they have offers and have originally told us we had till the end of September to send them a plan. I think that has been extended, but I'm not sure by how long. We're working fast to put something together, but it's obviously difficult given the time constraint." Residents claim the site should be secured because of its history.

ARSONISTS destroyed a golf club's maintenance digger worth £10,000. Members of Burlish Park Golf Club, near Kidderminster, turned up to find the Sumitomo vehicle burned out. The digger was targeted between 7pm on Monday, September 17 and 9.30am on Tuesday, September 18. No fire crews were called to the blaze at the Zortech Avenue club. The club's assistant professional, Luke Crumpton, said: "We knew nothing about it until we turned up on the morning."

Brewery boss walks in great-grandma's steps

A BREWERY boss has walked in the footsteps of her great-grandmother to recreate a treasured photograph taken nearly 100 years ago. Lucie Holden, aged 39, was on hand for the completion of a replica sign painted on a wall at the Park Inn, Woodsetton, heralding the latest improvements at the famous Holden's Brewery.

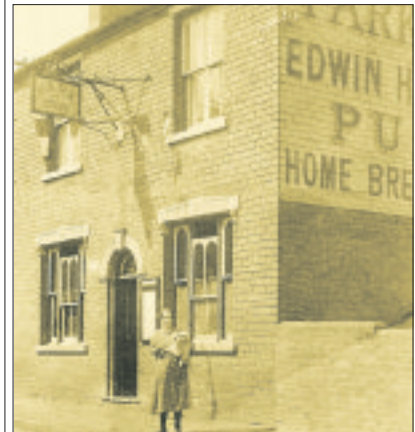
by Lee Watton

The modern-day picture mirrors a shot taken of her great-grandmother, also called Lucy Holden, taken at the pub during the 1920s with her beloved pet dog. A mutt was also brought in for the 21st century picture after Lucie borrowed her cousin Mark Hammond's pet dog, Sam. Lucie, who is named after her great-grandmother, is responsible for the day-to-day running of the well-brewery with brother Jonothan and sister Abi. Her great-grandmother was the driving force behind establishing the brewery. She had married Edwin Holden in 1898 and her father persuaded them to take over the tenancy of a public house. They purchased the freehold of the Park Inn in 1915 which proved to be a turning point as the building also had a

brew house. Lucy was responsible for the brewing which proved so popular the equipment was enlarged from within the cellar to adjacent buildings. Edwin died in 1920 and Lucy took on the licence and expanded the business. The modern Lucie said that in posing for the picture there had been a real connection across the generations. Lucie, who is the brewery's estate director, said: "It was a wonderful experience being able to walk into my great-grandmother's footsteps for the picture. "Lucy was definitely a woman ahead of her time and laid the foundations for the company as we know it today. It is great to feel that sense of connection."



Lucie Holden who borrowed her cousin's dog to recreate the historic picture



Lucie's great-grandmother Lucy near the sign in the picture which has been recreated



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More time to develop old station

DEVELOPERS have been given more time by planners to transform a former ambulance station in Stourbridge. New planning laws to help construction firms keep building plans alive during the tough economic conditions have been used. The building at the rear of the Cross Inn, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, was used as an ambulance station until 1960. It has been used occasionally for pub storage ever since. The front of the site is a partly overgrown and enclosed by a brick wall. Brewery and pub group Marstons have been awarded a new three year time limit.

College bid for £25,000 fitness run

DUDLEY College has unveiled plans for a new £25,000 fitness assault course in the town. The college submitted the proposal after the agreed sale of its former Castle View campus, where the existing challenge course is. The new course would be built just metres away at the far end of the college's playing fields in The Parade. It would mainly be used by public service students, who often look for a career in the Army or police. Charity volunteers would also take on the course. Martin Corrigan, from the college's estate department, said: "It could be up in about three or four months."

Gallery plan finalised

THE gallery at Kidderminster Library will make way for office staff, and a grand piano will be moved to the nearby town hall. Worcestershire County Council wants to create offices for around 130 workers at the library. It had proposed scrapping the gallery on the second floor to make way for the staff. But when the move was announced four months ago, arts and music groups in the town protested, prompting the council to put the plans on hold. After a public consultation, council chiefs said their "preferred option" for the site is to convert the gallery into offices, and create a smaller gallery with meeting rooms on the first floor. The piano would be moved to the Corn Exchange next to the town hall.

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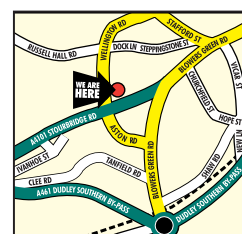
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Stagnating economy one of the major challenges ahead

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

“It’s about the real change we need if we are going to come together as a country and rebuild our economy so that it works for working people.”

THIS week Labour has shown that it has the policies to address head-on, the struggles facing families in Dudley and across Britain.

With stagnating wages, rising prices and record youth unemployment, creating an economy that works for working people, not just the few at the top, is the major challenge facing the country.

At the party conference in Manchester this week Labour began to set out a detailed vision about how we would rise to this challenge.

It’s a challenge the Tories have already fluffed. Just look at their record on the economy.

They came into office with one main objective: to eliminate the deficit over the lifetime of the Parliament.

Choking

But their misguided economic policies, cutting too far and too fast, choking off growth and costing jobs has sunk Britain into a double dip recession.

Borrowing is going up now.

Last month they borrowed more than ever before – even during the downturn which caused the crisis.

And while ordinary families in places such as Dudley lose their jobs; lose tax credits and child benefit and pay higher taxes, their priority is cutting taxes for their millionaire mates.

They put unemployment back up and a million young people are out of work – more than at any time in Britain’s history.

If more people are on the dole, not paying taxes, you can’t get the deficit down.

If businesses are going bust, not hiring new workers, you can’t get the deficit down.

If the economy’s not growing, you can’t get the deficit down. That is why we must act now to kickstart the recovery.

And Labour is taking the lead on three other important issues.

We’ve made a commitment to repeal the Government’s NHS reforms because it puts the wrong principles back at the heart of the NHS. Voters at the next election will have a clear choice; a Labour Party which would repeal the bill or a Tory party which has presided over an expensive and unwanted reorganisation which has led to spiralling waiting times and failing patient satisfaction.

We’ve also pledged to give the banks a clear ultimatum: change or we will legislate to break you up.

They have between now and 2015 to show they can deliver the change we need, with high street banks operating genuinely independently of their casino arms and focused on supporting British businesses.

Abolishing

If they don’t, Labour will split high street from casino banks.

Finally, we’ve said that we’d tackle rip-off energy firms by abolishing Ofgem and replacing it with a tough new regulator with the powers to bring down prices.

It can’t be right that energy companies are making record profits at a time when soaring fuel bills are pushing pensioners and families into poverty.

This isn’t about quick fixes or the old answers.

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Health professionals from Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust are urging people to take time out to look after their mental health.

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Approximately one in four people have a mental health condition and it is not something we should be embarrassed about.

In honour of World Mental Health Day this year Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust are holding a Fun Day at Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge from 12-4pm on Saturday 13th October.

The aim of the event is to promote open discussion of mental health and get people taking time out. Talking together and taking part in fun activities is a fantastic way to reduce stress.

Nick Gillingham, Olympic Swimmer will be in attendance to talk about how mental health can significantly impact on your physical health, and there will also be a number of community groups and NHS professionals in attendance to offer advice and guidance on your health and wellbeing, as well as a variety of games and competitions for everyone to get involved in.

It promises to be a great family fun day out packed with lots of activities and interactive workshops as well as displays of information about services in the borough which can help you improve your health and wellbeing.

Trust Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust was set up in October 2008 to provide mental health services in both community and inpatient settings. Our vision is to be “Better Together” delivering flexible, high-quality, evidence-based services to enable people to achieve recovery.

The Trust serves a population of approximately 306,600 in Dudley and 255,900 in Walsall, providing core mental health and social care services from 37 locations across the two boroughs and also to neighbouring Trust’s in Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Birmingham and Warwickshire.

For further information on this event please contact:
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What's On! *Dudley*

TV singing coach to hold workshops

A SINGING coach who auditioned performers for the BBC talent show The Voice will hold a gospel workshop at a Black Country school.

Joshua Alamu will run a workshop at the Kingswinford School on October 6 from 1pm to 3.30pm.

He has previously worked with artists including Take That, Westlife, Will Young and Daniel Bedingfield.

He sat on the panel at the original auditions of The Voice to pick the contestants for the televised stages. To attend visit www.vocanics.com

Tribute to the King of Pop Jackson

A TRIBUTE to Michael Jackson will be staged at Dudley Town Hall on October 25.

The show, called Ben, will feature songs from throughout the King of Pop's career. It starts at 2pm and is part of a series of matinee shows at the venue.

To book contact the box office on 01884 812812 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment

Glamour Puss Ball

Birmingham City Hospital staff are holding a fundraising ball.

The Glamour Puss Ball will be held in Dudley on Friday October 5 from 7pm to 12.30am at The Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill. Tickets are £30 each. Call 0121 507 5209 or email Alison.ecclleshall@nhs.net.

Great Expectations for a gothic take on Charles Dickens classic

A NEW stage version of Charles Dickens' Great Expectations is coming to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre before being staged in London's West End.

The classic Victorian novel, about the sudden elevation of young blacksmith Pip into middle class society thanks to a mystery benefactor, has recently been turned into a popular BBC TV series, with Gillian Anderson as the wraith-like manipulator Miss Havesham.

Festival is to take over city

DESPITE the chill in the air, the festival season is not quite over, though it has gone indoors.

The 2012 OxjamBrum Takeover Festival, on for 12 hours from 2pm on Saturday, October 13, will feature gigs at several city centre venues featuring singer/songwriter Scott Matthews and more than 40 other acts in aid of Oxfam.

Wristbands cost £10 in advance, for details see the oxjambrum.org.uk website.

Other gig news includes Plnk announcing a second gig at the LG Arena. She will be appearing on April 21 and 22 next year. Tickets cost from £39.50 to £46 plus fees. Call 0844 338 8000.

That same role will be played by Helena Bonham Carter in the forthcoming movie version.

In this new stage adaptation by playwright Jo Clifford, Dickens' novel has been condensed into just over two hours of action set in Miss Havesham's grand gothic dining room.

Paula Wilcox (Hilary Potts in Emmerdale) will play Miss Havesham with Chris Ellison (from The Bill) as escaped convict Magwitch and Jack Ellis (from Coronation Street) as the lawyer Jaggers. The roles of young and old Pip will be shared by two actors.

Directed and co-designed by Graham McLaren, who made the National Theatre of Scotland's acclaimed production of A Christmas Carol, it has been described as a quick-fire and audacious production.

It is on from October 9-13.



Gothic expectations – a scene from the new touring production of Great Expectations

Tour is top of the flops

THE stage tour of Top of the Pops Live, which was due to visit Wolverhampton and Birmingham, has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

The show, starring TV and radio presenters Sam Nixon and Darlaston-born Mark Rhodes, had been due to be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from October 29 to November 3. It has also been due at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from March 4 to 9 next year.

Show producers Flying Entertainment said they made the decision to cancel due to "disappointing demand" across the country.

Grand Theatre spokeswoman Vicky Price said theatre bosses were "frustrated" because more than £3,000 of tickets had been sold. "This suggests it would have been popular with Wolverhampton theatre goers," she said.

Anyone who has already booked can get a full refund from venue box offices.

Music matinees booked for hall

MUSIC for all ages will be performed at Dudley and Stourbridge town halls as a season of matinees continue.

Dudley Town Hall is focusing on swing music and old-time variety. The Good Old Days of Music Hall and Variety will be performed on October 16, Timeless Theatre: Rolling Back the Years on November 5 and the Too Darn Hot Christmas Special on December 11. The shows are on Tuesdays at 2pm.

Ben: a Michael Jackson Tribute will be performed in Dudley on October 5. To book call 01384 812812.

Veteran comedian Davidson in town

VETERAN comedian Jim Davidson will play Dudley Town Hall on October 11.

The show, called The Legend, starts at 8pm and tickets cost £20.

The comic shot to fame on talent show New Faces in the 1970s before taking over from Bruce Forsyth on the Generation Game in the 1990s.

To book contact the box office on 01384 812812 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment.

Music at hotel

A THREE-day music event will take place in Kidderminster.

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<p>Bradley James</p> <p>Merlin BBC1, 7.45pm It seems the world can't get enough of the Beeb's Arthurian adventure saga, so there will be a lot of happy fans when the saga returns for a fifth run this week. In the opener, Camelot looks more prosperous than ever, but in the frozen north, men are vanishing without explanation. King Arthur (Bradley James) and his knights risk life and limb to find out why, but to get answers, Merlin must first fight a battle that pushes him to his limits. As ever, the cast includes Richard Wilson as Merlin's mentor, Gaius with Angel Coulby and Katie McGrath.</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigellissima. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. 2.15 Bargain Hunt. 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 News; Regional News. 5.30 All New Top Wipeout.</p> <p>6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's live shows, as the remainder of the couples take to the floor with either a cha-cha-cha or waltz. Zoe Ball returns with Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two on Monday.</p> <p>7.45 Merlin. New series. King Arthur and his knights travel to the frozen north in search of several men who have disappeared, only for Merlin to find himself battling fate itself.</p> <p>8.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Sisters Sonia and Soraya attempt to win the top prize of £100,000.</p> <p>9.20 Casually. Denise announces she is leaving Holly with the children, leading a devastated Linda to throw herself into her work, while a patient alerts the staff to a thief in the ED.</p> <p>10.10 BBC News: Weather.</p> <p>10.30 Match of the Day: Including highlights of Manchester City v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.</p> <p>11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.</p> <p>1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.05 Film: Tarzan's Greatest Adventure. (1959) 2.30 Film: The Lizzie McGuire Movie. (2003) 4.00 Film: Easy Virtue. (2008) 5.30 Wartime Farm. (R)</p> <p>6.30 Flog It! Paul Martin meets members of the public keen to sell their belongings at auction in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. He also discovers how to make a traditional trug basket. (R)</p> <p>7.30 Dad's Army. Jones is given some black-market pigeons - but soon discovers they were taken from Trafalgar Square. Originally broadcast in October 1972. (R)</p> <p>8.00 Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. Pamela Cox unearths tales of servant rebellion during the Edwardian era, as employees begin to question the merits of a life spent in service. (R)</p> <p>9.00 QI XL. Extended version of the quiz. Stephen Fry poses questions about people whose names begin with "J" to Katy Brand, Sue Perkins and David Mitchell</p> <p>9.45 Arena: Magical Mystery Tour Revisited. The making of the Beatles' TV film Magical Mystery Tour, which originally aired on Boxing Day 1967 at the height of the band's popularity - but was greeted with critical disdain.</p> <p>10.45 Film: Magical Mystery Tour. (1967) Musical comedy, directed by and starring the Beatles.</p> <p>11.40 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West. (R)</p> <p>12.40 Sing's the Beatles. (R) 1.40 Film: Daddy and Them. (2002) 3.15 Close.</p>	<p>6.00 CITV: CITY. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The X Factor. (R) 12.40 ITV News; Weather. 12.45 Film: Jurassic Park. (1993) 3.00 Film: Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace. (1999) 5.35 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.</p> <p>6.00 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a fresh selection of comical clips filmed by viewers on their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.</p> <p>6.30 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera show in which Dom Joly unleashes a host of pranks and oddball characters on unsuspecting members of the public across the nation.</p> <p>7.00 Take Me Out. New series. A postman, a personal trainer, a musician and a student try to impress a new line-up of 30 single women.</p> <p>8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the first live studio round, as the 12 remaining acts take to the stage in the hope of impressing the judges and millions of viewers at home. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.</p> <p>10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Stephen Fry and Taylor Swift.</p> <p>11.20 ITV News; Weather.</p> <p>11.40 Film: Before Sunset. (2004) Romantic drama sequel, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy.</p> <p>1.00 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 3.00 Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>	<p>6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 British F3. 6.55 International Volleyball. (R) 7.50 Channel 4 Presents: Jonnie. (R) 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Adele: Real Stories. (R) 10.00 T4: Justin Bieber: London Live. (R) 10.50 T4: Revenge. 11.50 T4: Suburgatory. 12.20 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 4.20 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 4.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.25 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland.</p> <p>6.25 Channel 4 News.</p> <p>6.55 4Thought.Lv. A pagan witch voices her beliefs about over-population.</p> <p>7.00 Jaws: The Great White Myth. The story of how Steven Spielberg's 1975 blockbuster about a great white shark terrorising a small island community had a massive impact on the world's oceans and their inhabitants.</p> <p>8.00 Comedy World Cup. Andy Parsons, Jon Richardson and the Chuckle Brothers take on Omic Djalili, Daniel Sloss and Joe Pasquale as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.</p> <p>9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Keith Lemon and Patsy Kensit team up for the quiz in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers. Davina McCall asks the questions.</p> <p>10.35 Film: Panic Room. (2002) Thriller, starring Jodie Foster.</p> <p>12.45 Film: Sancharram. (2004) 2.45 Hollyoaks. 4.50 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.45 Countdown. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.20 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.30 Film: The Towering Inferno. (1974) Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen. 2.40 Film: 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Fact-based period drama, starring Charlton Heston. 4.00 Film: Gremlins 2: The New Batch. (1990) Joe Dante's comedy sequel, starring Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, John Glover and Christopher Lee. 7.50 5 News Weekend.</p> <p>6.00 Film: Battle of Britain. (1969) RAF pilots under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding defend Britain from the might of the Luftwaffe. Second World War drama, with Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine.</p> <p>10.20 CSI: Miami. The team investigates the assassination of a billionaire, and Loman discovers the killing may be linked to a prototype for a revolutionary new bullet.</p> <p>11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the shooting of a psychic in her occult shop. The empty tilt points to a robbery, but the post-mortem suggests the attack was premeditated. (R)</p> <p>12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 HouseBusters. Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. The gang tries to cheer up Milky. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris forgets Marsha's birthday. (R)</p>	<p>BBC Three 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Live at the Apollo 9.45 Russell Howard's Good News 10.20 All American Dad Weekend</p> <p>BBC Four 7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Explosions: How We Shook the World 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.40 The Story of Light Entertainment</p> <p>ITV2 4.20 The X Factor 5.40 Film: Free Willy (1993) 8.00 Film: Back to the Future 11.20 Take Me Out - The Gossip</p> <p>ITV3 3.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 5.50 Murder, She Wrote 6.50 Foye's War 9.00 War. DCI Stanhope investigates a murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland. 11.00 Crime Connections</p> <p>ITV4 3.10 Film: Spartacus (1960) 7.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 8.00 Film: Monsters 9.00 Film: Fire Down Below (1997) 11.10 Film: The Howling (1981)</p> <p>E4 3.00 Desperate Housewives 4.00 Revenge 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.30 Rules of Engagement 8.30 Suburgatory 9.00 David Blaine's Street Magic 10.00 Film: Sex Drive (2008)</p> <p>Film4 3.45 Meet Dave (2008) 5.30 Bride Wars (2005) 7.20 The Man (2005) Comedy, starring Samuel L. Jackson, Eugene Levy and Miguel Ferrer. 9.00 Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) Director John Woo's action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton and Anthony Hopkins. 11.25 Saw II (2005)</p>

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 7.10.12

CHOICE	BBC1	BBC2	ITV1	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	DIGITAL
<p>Andrew Marr</p> <p>Andrew Marr's History of the World BBC1, 9pm</p> <p>Say what you like about Andrew Marr, his latest series is nothing if not ambitious. He has just eight weeks to explain, well, everything - although he's been surprisingly comprehensive thus far, having covered topics from humanity's earliest roots in Africa, the earliest civilisations, and the first great empires. And that was in just two episodes. This week, he looks at the spiritual revolutions that took place around 300BC and 700AD. It was an age that saw Buddhism, Christianity and Islam develop.</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.20 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.20 Cash in the Attic. (R) 2.05 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. 4.05 A Question of Sport: 2012 Olympics Special. (R) 4.40 Points of View. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 Planet Earth Live: A Meerkat's Tale. 6.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Northumberland's bloody past, revealing why farmers had to build fortified houses, and Adam Hanson finds out if dung beetles could help boost his crops. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. New series. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, where items include a gold cup and a Victorian book. Red button viewers can play along by guessing valuations. 9.00 Andrew Marr's History of the World. The spiritual revolutions that shook the world between 300BC and 700AD. Weather. 10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Newcastle United v Manchester United. 11.45 Film: Halloween H20. (1998) 1.05 The Sky at Night. 1.25 Weatherview. 1.30 Sign Zone: Andrew Marr's History of the World. (R) 2.30 Holly City. (R) 3.30 The Paradise. (R) 4.30 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 12.30 Film: Safari. (1956) 1.55 Film: The Long Ships. (1963) 4.00 Flog It! (R) 5.00 Rugby League. 6.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Hall reveals how an array of creatures travels thousands of miles to visit the reef, and considers how climate change could affect its future. Last in the series. (R) 7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May pay tribute to Swedish car manufacturer Saab, and Doctor Who star Matt Smith gets behind the wheel of the Reasonably Priced Car. (R) 8.00 Built in Britain. Part one of two. Evan Davis explores the engineering challenges facing 21st-century Britain and goes behind the scenes of projects updating the nation's infrastructure. 9.00 Dragons' Den. Two graduates seek funding for their update of a 200-year-old invention, which they believe will create a new form of street advertising. 10.00 Mock the Week. With guests Ed Byrne, Alan Cochrane and Gary Delaney. (R) 10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With Wretch 32, Gareth Malone and guest host Example. (R) 11.00 Film: The Quiet American. (2002) Drama based on Graham Greene's novel, starring Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser, Do Thi Hai Yen, Rade Serbedzija and Tzi Ma. 12.35 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. (R) 2.35 BBC News. 4.10 Close.</p>	<p>6.00 CITY. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gift. (R) 10.25 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 12.30 ITV News: Weather. 12.00 Murder: She Wrote. (R) 1.40 The X Factor. (R) 3.55 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 5.00 Downton Abbey. (R) 6.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. Representatives from a luxury accommodation service visit a converted country barn. (R) 6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.40 ITV News; Weather. 6.55 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Nicholas Owen, Laila Rouass, Vanessa Feltz and Tim Vine try to win cash for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series. 8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary reveals the results of the public vote and the acts in the bottom two have to sing for survival. With performances by Leona Lewis and Ne-Yo. 9.00 Downton Abbey. Branson's political views land him in trouble. Ethel makes a difficult decision about her son's future. Anna is dispirited by Bates' silence, and Carson begins recruiting a footman. 10.05 ITV News; Weather. 10.20 The Classic Brit Awards 2012. 11.50 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.35 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 2.40 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 3.30 Motorsport UK. 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>	<p>6.30 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 London Triathlon. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents - Lee. (R) 8.00 Will & Grace. (R) 8.30 Will & Grace. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 3.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.05 The Simpsons. (R) 2.35 Film: My Best Friend's Wedding. (1997) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. 5.35 Film: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs. (2009) 7.20 Channel 4 News. 7.40 Thought.tv. Professional dating coach and mother-of-two Bryony Ann Leatherbarrow shares her belief that human beings are at their best in romantic relationships. 7.55 The Political Slot. With Stratford-on-Avon MP Nadhim Zahawi. 8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs presenter searches for innovative off-grid solutions for his cabin, examining an experiment in north Wales where dog excrement is being used to create methane. 9.00 Homeland. New series. Return of the award-winning thriller starring Claire Danes and Damian Lewis. Carrie's mental health begins to improve - until an old asset resurfaces. 10.05 Friday Night Dinner. New series. Return of the comedy, starring Simon Bird. 10.35 Film: Bruno. (2009) 12.10 Comedy World Cup. (R) 1.05 American Football Live. 4.45 Grudge Match. (R) 4.50 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerets. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Play! (R) 7.35 Moddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 Toby's Travelling Circus. 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Jelly Jamm. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.05 Looney Tunes. (R) 11.10 Extraordinary Dogs. (R) 11.40 Inside Hollywood. (R) 11.50 Dallas. (R) 12.55 Film: The Cannonball Run. (1981) 2.45 Film: Hell to Eternity. (1960) 5.10 Film: MacArthur. (1977) 7.35 5 News Weekend. 7.40 Film: Dumb and Dumber. (1994) A dimwitted duo embark on a chaotic cross-country trip to return a briefcase to its owner - unaware of the fortune within. Comedy, with Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels and Lauren Holly. 10.00 Film: Shoot 'Em Up. (2007) Premiers. Action adventure, starring Clive Owen. 11.45 Film: Kill Switch. (2008) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. 1.35 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Cities. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)</p>	<p>BBC Three</p> <p>7.00 Be Your Own Boss 8.00 Gavin & Stacey 9.00 All American Dad! Weekend 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy 11.25 Cuckoo 11.55 Russell Howard's Good News</p> <p>BBC Four</p> <p>7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks 7.30 The Story of Light Entertainment 9.00 Neil Diamond: Solitary Man 10.00 Love Me Do 62 11.00 The Best of Kenny Everett's Television Shows - Part 1 11.35 Best Possible Taste: The Kenny Everett Story</p> <p>ITV2</p> <p>2.50 Film: Peter Pan (2003) 5.00 Take Me Out 6.05 Take Me Out - The Gossip 6.50 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Grittr3nds 11.45 Fearnle and James Blunt</p> <p>ITV3</p> <p>4.50 Film: The Intelligence Men (1965) 6.55 Lewis 9.00 An Audience with Lionel Richie 10.05 Film: Arthur (1981)</p> <p>ITV4</p> <p>11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship 6.00 Goodwood Revival 2012 7.00 The Sweeney 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: The Quest (1996) 11.00 Film: We Own the Night (2007) E4</p> <p>3.20 Ugly Betty 4.15 New Girl 4.40 Suburgatory 5.10 Revenge 6.10 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Crocodile Dundee (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. 10.00 2 Broke Girls 10.30 The Inbetweeners 11.35 New Girl</p> <p>Film4</p> <p>2.45 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958) 4.30 Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) 6.55 She's the Man (2006) 9.00 Keeping Mum (2005) 11.05 The Escapist (2008)</p>

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A working union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Spritely Joyce was resigned to living with a crooked smile - until she became one of their patients.

Why Joyce's warm smile really is picture perfect

PEOPLE say a picture is worth more than a thousands words. And for spritely Joyce, the old adage could not be more true.

Smiling confidently, the 76-year-old is happy to face the camera, but until recently "not even my husband could take my picture," she says.

A mysterious childhood accident, of which she has no recollection, left her with a "lopsided smile" and subsequent adult issues with her teeth added to the problem.

Not least was a memorable incident which resulted in one of her front teeth being broken in two.

The shorthand secretary/PA was persuaded by a work colleague to ask her dentist for denture. "What a mistake," she says. "I wish I had never had a denture because that's when my troubles began."

Joyce's dentist didn't offer another option - "but it was a long time ago," she recalls.

The natural ageing process was unkind to Joyce too. She was diagnosed with osteoporosis and it affected the bone density in her jaw and gradually her teeth became mobile.

"My teeth were loose, I had sores from my denture plate and my twisted smile made me feel uncomfortable and embarrassed.

"Over the years I have spent a fortune on dentures, but none of them helped me. There was no long-term solution.

"I couldn't eat properly, food would get trapped under the lower denture all the time and I was afraid to cough and afraid to laugh in case the denture came out."

Joyce was resigned to "going through life without a normal smile."

She adds: "I was convinced I had a plate in my lower jaw and it was only recently when I had dental X-rays I knew I hadn't."

A feature in her local weekly newspaper highlighting the work of dentist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng) proved a turning point.

Fortunate

Mr Burchell of the Denture Clinic, which is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tetterhall Road, Wolverhampton and in North Street, Dudley, said: "Although Joyce had lost her teeth, she was fortunate enough to

have enough bone density to sustain two lower jaw implants to secure an implant-retained denture. It was the best clinical route to be sure of dealing with her long-standing stabilisation issues."

She was referred to Parkdale implantologist and principal Jonathon Pugh, BDS MSC, who carried out the surgery. Joyce adds: "I never dreamed the process could cure my twisted smile - but it has.

"My smile is now totally normal and I can eat whatever I want.

"Before, I would have to choose something soft off the menu. I use to long for a steak and to bite into an apple. Now it's no problem at all."

Her praise for Mr Pugh is unbridled: "He's king," she says, "and Steve . . . I cannot speak highly enough of what he's done for me. I've already got in mind to have implants for my upper denture."

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Kingdom of Heaven, Channel 5, 11pm
 A French blacksmith joins a crusade to Jerusalem, where he becomes a knight and pledges to defend the city and its people. However, the ailing king has little time to live, while his hold on the fragile peace between Christians and Muslims looks set to slip as factions on both sides plan to seize power. Ridley Scott's historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Liam Neeson and Edward Norton. (2005)

TUESDAY
Mamma Mia!, ITV1, 8pm
 A former member of a singing trio running a hotel on a Greek island is reunited with her old bandmates for her daughter's wedding – but is surprised when three of her old flames also show up unexpectedly. The three men have been invited by the bride, who wants to find out which one of them is her father. Musical comedy, with a soundtrack of Abba songs, starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Julie Walters, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard and Amanda Seyfried. (2008)



Sliding Doors, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.15pm

WEDNESDAY
Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.15pm
 A London woman's entire life hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah, John Lynch, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Zara Turner, Douglas McFerran, Paul Brightwell and Nina Young. (1998)

THURSDAY
Mystery Woman: Oh Baby, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 Amateur detective Samantha Kinsey discovers a body on a golf course and the police immediately suspect the groundskeeper, who goes on the run. However, the sleuth is convinced he is innocent – but she has more on her hands than just the case when the fugitive's wife asks her to look after their baby son. Detective drama, starring Kellie Martin and Clarence Williams III. (2006)

FRIDAY
The Draughtsman's Contract, BBC2, 12.55am
 An English noblewoman employs an artist to paint pictures of her husband's estate in exchange for sex – and matters are soon complicated when her daughter becomes involved in the secret arrangement. Peter Greenaway's drama, starring Anthony Higgins, Janet Suzman, Anne-Louise Lambert and Hugh Fraser. (1982)

Pick of the Week

Young wizard makes another magical return

In 1979, the BBC made The Legend of King Arthur, a version of the oft-told tale of brave knights, legendary sword Excalibur and the Lady of the Lake.

Andrew Burt (Emeraldale's first Jack Suddgen) played Arthur, and Robert Eddison (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade) was his faithful sorcerer Merlin. It was worthy, but a bit dull; little wonder the seven-part saga died a death after one series.

These days many viewers want their Arthurian legends to look like Hollywood blockbusters rather than dusty old dramas, which is probably why Merlin is still going strong after four years.

Admittedly, there were a few problems when it debuted in 2008, not least a dragon with the voice of John Hurt who kept repeating the sorcerer's name every 30 seconds. Thankfully, the script has improved a lot since then, so there will be a lot of happy fans as the saga returns for a fifth run.

In the opener, Camelot looks more prosperous than ever, but in

the frozen north, men are vanishing without explanation.

King Arthur (Bradley James) and his knights risk life and limb to find out why, but to get answers, Merlin (Colin Morgan) must first fight a battle that pushes him to his limits.

Of course, had the Harry Potter saga not been such a huge success, there's a good bet Merlin the series would have never been given a green light.

But with young British wizards being a lucrative commodity, creators Julian Jones, Julian Murphy, Johnny Capps and Jake Michie decided to strike while the iron was hot and get their show out to the masses.

With the first series averaging an audience of 6.2 million an episode, BBC bosses soon waved their magic wand and commissioned a second run. Why does series regular Anthony Head (Uther) think Merlin has succeeded where so many similar shows fail?

"If you handle fantasy right and don't take your audience for granted and basically try to push the

envelope a little bit, you get a very interesting show," he explains. "People have tried before and failed because of not observing the above."

In the early days Head, who returns later in this run, was worried that the part of Uther would be a disappointment to himself and fans of the legend.

"When I first was offered the show I was a little worried that my character and the show might be a little bit two-dimensional, and might be a bit young," he admits "But I was assured right from the outset ... that was not their intention and they wanted it to have several levels and basically give the audience plenty of dark to go with the light."

He adds "It's sold worldwide to an incredible number of territories and at the same time does really good business on the night."

Though the Beeb apparently planned five series from the outset, as many are transfixed by Merlin's magic, it wouldn't be much of a shock if he and Arthur returned for more after this run.



Colin Morgan stars in Merlin, Saturday, BBC1, 7.45pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
EastEnders, BBC1, 8pm
 Poor Lola – she may be young, stropky, and silly enough to be impregnated by her murderous cousin Ben, but that doesn't mean she doesn't want to be a good mum to her baby daughter. After a hearing at the youth court, Lola fears she might have lost Lexi for good, but Cora urges her to keep fighting for her child. However, she probably didn't think the troubled teen would take her words quite so literally, as Lola loses her temper and throws the social worker's notes across the room. That's really not the way to convince the authorities she can be a responsible mother.

Monroe, ITV1, 9pm
 The Beeb may have cracked the art of creating long-running medical dramas such as Casualty and Holby City, but ITV1 have had trouble in that department. Medics, A&E and The Golden Hour have all come and gone, but as Monroe touched a chord with millions last year, there's a chance James Nesbitt's series could run and run. During the latest rounds, the eponymous neurosurgeon has to choose between trainees Springer and Wilson, both equally deserving of a place on his team, while Bremner and Shepherd's relationship shows signs of strain. Plus, Gabriel faces one of the most challenging cases of his career when he treats a woman with an aggressive brain tumour. Sarah Parish, Tom Riley and Neil Pearson also star.

TUESDAY
Emmerdale, ITV1, 7pm
 There's not long to go until the folks of Emmerdale celebrate their 40th anniversary with a special live episode. However, while fans count the days until that event, there's still plenty to tide them over with this visit to Yorkshire's most scandal-riddled TV village. In the latest offering, Cain is concerned with Chas's cash flow problems, but she's adamant she doesn't need his help. Things take a dramatic turn when Cain tells Debbie it was Chas that robbed the pub. His concerned daughter wants answers, so little wonder Chas feels rotten as Debbie has a go at her for lying and letting Cameron get dragged into the accusations.

Person of Interest, Channel 5, 9pm
 It's time to get Carter. No, not the character played by Michael Caine so memorably in the classic British gangster flick of the same name – and not the distinctly less fascinating one portrayed by Sylvester Stallone in the woeful US remake either. Instead, this Carter is a detective called Jess. Reese and Finch have to find a way to buy her silence – preferably by killing her. They draw up a list of three possible perpetrators, but they might not have to worry about her if

much longer; a mysterious courier delivers a bunch of flowers with a note of condolence for Carter in light of her death. Has she really been wiped out, or are the very people who needed her dead now the only ones who can keep her alive?

WEDNESDAY
Grand Designs, Channel 4, 9pm

Kevin McCloud seems to be everywhere at the moment. This weekend (October 12-14) he's fronting Grand Designs Live in Birmingham; there's more Man Made Home on Channel 4 Sundays as he continues to work on his eponymous, and now there's another new helping of the show that made his name. This week he's off to see a dramatic new cutting-edge home by the River Thames, the brainchild of Nigel and Lysette Olfley. If they want to build it in the middle of a community dominated by pricey traditional houses. Although many people would love to live in a charming old boat-house by the Thames, the Olfleys have decided to tear the whole thing down and start again.



Grand Designs, Wednesday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY
Homefront, ITV1, 9pm
 Claire should be beside herself with glee because Pete is home. The problem is, she hasn't yet told him she's got a job, and is busy trying to keep from him the fact that his teenage daughter, Millie, has been sleeping with Rob, one of the soldiers in his battalion. Incredibly, Claire is so busy she doesn't even notice that her own son, Sam, is so sick of having his stepister steal the limelight from him that he's decided to leave home. Meanwhile, Tasha struggles to cope on her return to work and plans to set up her own business with her mum – until she catches Cheryl in bed with her boyfriend, who's determined to take her back to Spain with him.

FRIDAY
Live International Football, ITV1, 7.30pm
 England welcome football minnows San Marino to Wembley Stadium for this evening's 2014 World Cup Group H qualifier, where anything other than an emphatic win for Roy Hodgson's men will be seen as a poor performance. There have only been two previous meetings between the nations, both of which were part of the qualifying process for the 1994 World Cup. While many familiar with that campaign will not remember the 6-0 victory claimed by England on home soil, most will recall the reverse fixture that saw England go a goal behind after just eight seconds when Davide Gualtieri capitalised on a short backpass by Stuart Pearce, a lead San Marino held for 20 minutes.

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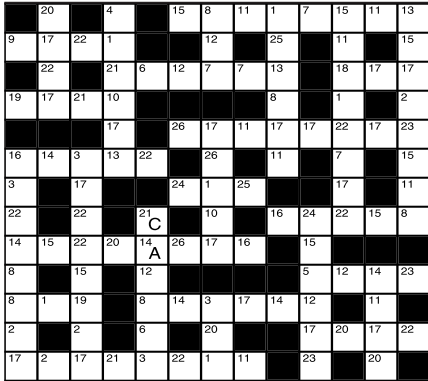
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Brain Gym

No. 189

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

A	H	B	V	C	U	F	M	N	P	S	Y	K
T	E	G	Z	O	Q	R	W	J	L	D	X	I

1	14	A
2	15	
3	16	
4	17	
5	18	
6	19	
7	20	
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

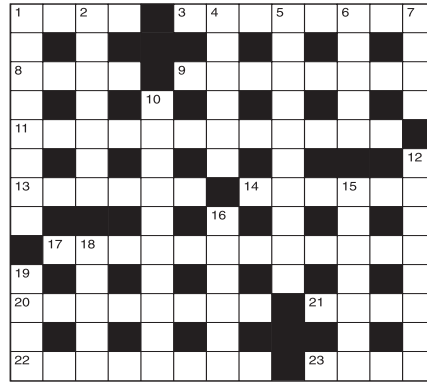
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Yet it's work for actors (4)
3. Variety of liquorice (3,5)
8. As an afterthought, they crawl (4)
9. Not accidentally engaged? (8)
11. A chess match, for example? (5,7)
13. Mail for the landlord (6)
14. One art that's becoming decorative (6)
17. He's responsible for the classroom's re-organisation (12)
20. For which one needs to be in fighting form? (5,3)
21. Sparkling wine from Castile (4)
22. High points of religious architecture (8)
23. Looks both ways (4)

Down

1. Don't miss the delivery, but co-operate (4,4)
2. Serpent has to stop on the road (7)
4. Bird allowed outside the inn (6)
5. Not as inert as loud (10)
6. Finally captured an earthwork (5)
7. Half of the record team (4)
10. Groundless rumour that there's unemployment? (4,6)
12. Almost a hit with the girl (4,4)
15. Its rate is adjusted for a professional performer (7)
16. Disturb a sleep, if you don't mind (6)
18. A girl left in custody (5)
19. Legislative measures followed by Romans (4)



Quick Clues:

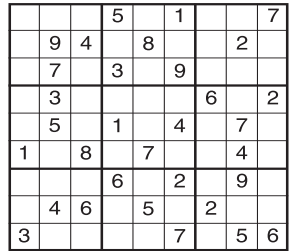
Across

1. Persia (4)
3. Cherished (8)
8. Locate (4)
9. To loose (8)
11. Mass (12)
13. Contemporary (6)
14. Revenue (6)
17. Bubbling (12)
20. Dreadful (8)
21. Moist (4)
22. Praised (8)
23. Pure (4)

Down

1. Example (8)
2. Object (7)
4. Fester (6)
5. Cunning (10)
6. Surpass (5)
7. Dispatch (4)
10. Unimportant (10)
12. Sixfold (8)
15. Daunt (7)
16. Develop (6)
18. Chief (5)
19. Footwear (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4	2	8	1	7	3	5	6	9
3	9	5	6	4	2	1	7	8
9	6	4	7	2	1	8	5	3
7	3	1	9	5	8	4	2	6
5	8	2	3	6	4	7	9	1
6	1	7	5	3	9	2	8	4
8	4	9	2	1	7	6	3	5
2	5	3	4	8	6	9	1	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Yells in pain; 9 Arbutus; 10 Notch; 11 Bower; 12 Drawn up; 13 Cobble; 15 Repeat; 18 Earache; 20 Train; 22 Orate; 23 Parole; 24 Reading lamp. Down: 2 Elbow; 3 Lateral; 4 Inside; 5 Panda; 6 Intense; 7 Gay bachelor; 8 Shapeliness; 14 Barrage; 16 Enthral; 17 Keep on; 19 Creed; 21 Abeam. QUICK - Across: 1 Catastrophe; 9 Failure; 10 Lotto; 11 Emend; 12 Ditches; 13 Absurd; 15 Gifted; 18 Holiday; 20 Solar; 22 Limit; 23 Transit; 24 Information. Down: 2 Agile; 3 Asunder; 4 Treads; 5 Overt; 6 Hatchet; 7 After a while; 8 Considerate; 14 Solomon; 16 Instant; 17 System; 19 Ditto; 21 Lasso.

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<p>DUDLEY PORT</p>  <p>JOHNS LANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern semi-detached • Extra large end plot - suitable for development - subject to planning consent • Lounge, dining kitchen • Downstairs cloakroom • Gas central heating • Double/triple glazed • NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>Overs in the region of £99,950</p>	<p>DUDLEY</p>  <p>MEADOW ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional style family home • Excellent sized lounge • 15' breakfast kitchen. • Store room • Three bedrooms • Modern bathroom, "P" shaped bath • Sunny rear garden with feature decking • Off road parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £90,000</p>	<p>COSELEY</p>  <p>VICARAGE ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent sized 2 bed semi • Some cosmetic updating required • Dining kitchen and lounge • Two store rooms • UPVC double glazing • Gas central Heating • NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £89,950</p>	<p>SWINDON</p>  <p>HINKSFORD PARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two bedroom mobile home • Delightful quiet location • Open plan style accommodation • UPVC double glazed • Centrally heated • Small private garden • Parking area • Cash buyers only <p>£77,000</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>ETTYMORE CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern two bed maisonette • Walking distance to Sedgley centre • Breakfast kitchen & good sized lounge • Two bedrooms & bathroom on the second level • UPVC double glazed windows • NO UPWARD CHAIN • Ideal first time purchase /buy-to-let <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £69,950</p>	<p>COSELEY</p>  <p>AVENUE ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended two bedroom cottage • Requires modernisation • Two reception rooms • Kitchen. • Downstairs bathroom • Outside store • Off road parking • CASH BUYERS ONLY <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £57,500</p>

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£595 PCM

OLDBURY, 176 POOLE LANE



Splendid mid terraced property, three bedrooms, attractive lounge, separate dining room, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, re-fitted bathroom with shower over bath, gas central heating and double glazing, rear garden, unfurnished

£525 PCM

HOLLY HALL, 235 STOURBRIDGE ROAD



Superb spacious re-furnished mid terraced property, two double bedrooms, attractive lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen with cooker and gas hob, ground floor shower room, first floor bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing, rear garden, unfurnished

£495 PCM

BRIERLEY HILL, 139 FOXDALE DRIVE



Superb first floor apartment, fitted kitchen with cooker, attractive lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, recently fitted upvc double glazing, intercom, allocated parking, unfurnished, no pets, no smokers

£425 PCM

BROCKMOOR, 25 HIGH ST



Splendid lounge with feature fire place, separate dining room, superb dining kitchen with cooker, bathroom with shower over the bath, gas central heating, upvc double glazing, delightful rear garden & drive way, no dss - pets considered

£575 PCM

NETHERTON, 8 GILL STREET



Superb spacious terraced property, three bedrooms, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower over bath, gas central heating, rear garden, unfurnished, dss considered

£525 PCM

PENSNETT, 39 PRIMROSE PARK



Splendid modern town house, two double bedrooms, attractive lounge with laminate flooring, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven & hob, washing machine and fridge, freezer, bathroom with shower over bath, gch & upvc double glazing, delightful rear garden, allocated parking, fully furnished, close to Russells Hall Hospital

£525 PCM

BROCKMOOR, HIGH STREET



Impressive terraced property, refurbished throughout to a very high standard, three bedrooms, master with built in cupboard, second with built in wardrobe, splendid lounge, separate dining room with gas fire, superb refitted white gloss kitchen with cooker, refitted ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath, gas central heating, upvc double glazing & delightful rear garden - no dss - no pets

£495 PCM

65 CAMPBELL STREET



Superb mid terraced property, two bedrooms, attractive lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven and hob, bathroom with jacuzzi bath and electric shower over, gch & upvc double glazing, large rear garden, unfurnished, no dss, no pets

£495 PCM

LYE, PARK STREET



Splendid end terraced property, two bedrooms, attractive lounge with feature fire place, separate dining area, attractive fitted kitchen with cooker, re-fitted bathroom, cellar, gch & upvc double glazing, delightful rear garden, unfurnished

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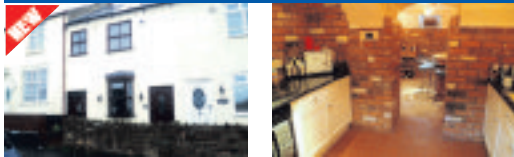
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VALE STREET

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£220,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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RATCLIFFE CLOSE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Driveway

£164,750 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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LINGFIELD WAY

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Entrance Hall•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Driveways•No Chain

£119,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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EAST STREET

•Detached Bungalow•Two Double Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Driveway•No Chain

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BENNETTS HILL

•End Terraced Residence•Two Bedroom•Two Reception Rooms•Breakfast Room•Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom & Utility•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•No Chain

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UPPER GORNAL



EVE LANE

•An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Front & Extended Rear Lounge •Extended Kitchen •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Entrance Porch •Rear Garden •No Upward Chain

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LYE CROSS ROAD

•Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Enclosed Rear Garden•No Chain

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OCCUPATION STREET

•A Much Improved Mid Terraced Residence•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Refitted Kitchen•Refitted Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

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WORCESTER ROAD

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Kitchen •Conservatory •Double Glazing Where Stated •Ground Floor Bathroom •No Upward Chain

£64,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BRIERLEY HILL



MILTON STREET

•Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Bathroom•Rear Garden

£74,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

CRADLEY HEATH



HIGHLAND ROAD

•End Terraced Residence•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Driveway•No Chain

£79,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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SMITH STREET

•Mid Terraced Residence•Two Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Bathroom Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden

£85,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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CEDAR ROAD

•Improved Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Attic Room Used As Bedroom•Lounge•Refitted Kitchen Diner•Ground Floor Refitted Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden Having Decking•Driveway

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BLACKBERRY LANE

•An Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Fitted Kitchen •Bathroom Upstairs •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Kitchen •Rear Garden Having Patio & Lawn •Block Paved Driveway •Garage

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GROVELAND ROAD

•50% Shared Ownership•First Floor Flat•Two Bedrooms•Lounge/Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Parking•Canal Views

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ELM TERRACE

•An Improved Extended Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Extended Refitted Kitchen•Refitted Shower Room•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Driveway

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ROWLEY REGIS



LAWTON CLOSE

•An Improved Semi Detached Property•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway

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CREW DRIVE

•An End Townhouse Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage & Drive

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DARBY END ROAD

•One Bedroom Property•Lounge •Kitchen•Bathroom

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£189,950

Pensnett




Fernhurst Drive



A LARGE AND DISTINCTIVE, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which has been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, including a ALMOST FULL WIDTH, CONSERVATORY, well placed within this sought after development, providing VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: Porch, Hall, large Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen with appliances, separate Laundry/Utility, ground floor WC, LARGE P SHAPE CONSERVATORY, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, all having built-in wardrobes and EN-SUITE to master, House Bathroom: GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the GENEROUS DRIVEWAY, front garden, and with an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Moss Grove

Superbly located within short walking distance of Kingswinford, this DISTINCTIVE and MOST DECEPTIVE, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS, IMMACULATELY PRESENTED and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, including: reception hall, guests cloakroom/w.c., large full depth lounge, luxury fitted dining kitchen with appliances, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS (master with an ensuite shower room), house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and remainder of a 10 YEAR NHBC BUILDERS WARRANTY. Having DRIVE/PARKING SPACE, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED, LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Sandyfields Road

RARE OPPORTUNITY! Enviably situated in favoured district close to country park/countryside, a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached with potential. Accommodation includes traditional reception hall, cloaks cupboard, 21'10" through living/dining room, kitchen, three generous bedrooms (all with wardrobes), bathroom, separate toilet, garage, neat secluded rear garden. Personal inspection vital for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

GORNAL



This WELL PLANNED, MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a delightful cul-de-sac setting off Cinder Road via Brookbank Road on the village fringe, and offers: Hall, LOUNGE with period fire, separate Dining room, Light-Oak fitted Kitchen with breakfast space, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom plus separate toilet, GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Attached side GARAGE plus fitted UTILITY/LAUNDRY ROOM and TOILET, DECORATIVE FORE-GARDEN with Drive/Parking and a LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with DISTANT, SUNNY ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 400777

Price: £169,950

Windsor Close



Pleasantly situated within this popular and sought after cul de sac, this IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating, but offers considerable potential to enhance the VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall / separate dining room, Spacious lounge, breakfast kitchen, ground floor w.c., THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and shower room. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

WORDSLEY



Meadowfields Close

A GENEROUS TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is well located within walking distance from Wall Heath's shops and schools, providing a WELL PLANNED LAYOUT with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, generous lounge, large separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen with appliances, rear hall, ground floor w.c., THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and bathroom. DRIVEWAY and lawns to the fore and a large level rear garden with patio and lawns. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

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WALL HEATH



Blaze Park

A COMPETITIVELY PRICED and IMMACULATE MODERN MEWS HOUSE, set within a small sought after development, on the fringes of Charterfields, offering a BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout, comprising: Hall, Ground Floor WC, Generous Lounge, Full Width Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, ALLOCATED CAR PARKING and a ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

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Hawkeswell Drive

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached enviably located in quiet 'backwater' (of just four properties) yet within level walking distance of the Bull Ring and all associated amenities. The accommodation includes hall, well equipped kitchen with integrated oven/hob/filter, 16ft lounge with patio doors through to a UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY beyond. Two bedrooms (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes), bathroom with contemporary white suite & a shower. Sheltered/secluded rear garden, ample parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £118,500

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Dudley Road

A quite exceptional, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached that has been comprehensively refurbished in recent months to a superb standard. Conveniently situated, the accommodation provides; reception hall, lounge with bay, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units (integrated oven, hob & extractor), dining area & laundry section. Three generous bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with a white suite. Carpeted throughout. Neat/well fenced gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

WOODCROSS




Woodcross Lane

A SUPERB, MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, PENTHOUSE APARTMENT located within this exciting and stylish modern development, which is convenient for amenities available within Wordsley / Kingswinford, offering GENEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM), classic white bathroom and TWO USEFUL LOFT STORAGE SPACES. The property enjoys its own ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACE and SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING is available. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Kirkpatrick Drive

75% SHARE FOR SALE. A well presented & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in favoured short cul de sac. Vendors' 75% share available for sale (other 25% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with a range of 'maple' effect units, two double bedrooms, bathroom, parking, sheltered/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £89,000 FOR VENDORS 75% SHARE

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Thistle Close, High Arca

Forming part of this established address this TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should appeal to first time buyers or buy-to-let investors and affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. To briefly comprise: sitting room with defined dining area, kitchen, large conservatory, two first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Large front drive and with an enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£74,950

PENSNETT



Mullett Street

This traditional style, majority double glazed, two bedroom semi detached property would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/updates, yet offers excellent potential. Available with no upward chain, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two first floor bedrooms, driveway, and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£60,000

NETHERTON



Maybank Road

60% SHARE FOR SALE - Extremely stylish, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed first floor flat (in small block of just four dwellings) within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION. Vendors 60% share available for sale (remaining 40% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Individual front door to entrance lobby with staircase up to the first floor having lounge, over stairs, store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated oven/hob/extractor, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom with white contemporary styled suite, allocated parking, sheltered/secluded communal owned grounds. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £45,000 for vendors 60% share

COSELEY



Yew Tree Lane

An exceptionally spacious, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached constructed to highly individual first quality specification upon 'double plot' in relatively quiet backwater convenient for Sedgley's Bull Ring/amenities. Accommodation includes imposing 'double height' reception hall (with gallery landing above), 23'2" through lounge, separate study, formal dining room, reapointed breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'french oak' units & various integrated appliances, further utility room & a fitted cloakroom. Four double bedrooms (three with built-in/fitted wardrobes), upgraded bathroom, Large double garage, 'in & out' driveway, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Radnor Road

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Offers in the region of £259,950

WOODSETTON



Bosworth Close, 'The Poplars'

Enviably situated upon FINE CORNER PLOT, a meticulously maintained, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached family home comprising double glazed porch, imposing reception hall, reappointed cloakroom with white suite, elegant 18ft lounge with bay, separate dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'satin white' units & various integrated appliances, refitted laundry/utility room. FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, DOUBLE GARAGE, security systems, delightful secluded gardens, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,995

DUDLEY



Abbotsford Drive

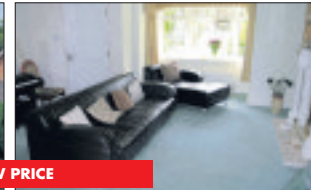
A quite exceptional, highly individual & spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home at head of cul de sac within walking distance of Russell's Hall Hospital. Meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, magnificent transverse lounge, sitting room (alternate bedroom 3), shower room, refitted 'hub' of the house dining kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, garden room, utility room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (both with extensive wardrobes) & bathroom with a 'Heritage' suite. MAGNIFICENT DISTANT VIEWS, lengthy 39'9" garage, secluded garden & further garden area with potential, extensive parking to front. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950

UPPER GORNAL



Old Quarry Drive



NEW PRICE

An ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING imaginatively EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated virtually at head of cul de sac in favoured district with panoramic distant views. The particularly stylish, tremendously enhanced accommodation includes reception hall, elegant lounge with 'living flame' gas fire & walk-in bay, extended dining/sitting room (with lofty ceiling heights incorporating skylight), refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom; four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, block paved parking/drive, delightful secluded well stocked/landscaped rear garden with many fine established shrubs & plants. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £235,000

LOWER GORNAL



Ruskin Avenue, Straits

An attractive, tremendously enhanced, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing central reception hall, THREE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units), refitted/enlarged bathroom with separate shower, cloak, elegant lounge with living flame feature fireplace, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'cream finish' units with various integrated appliances, side vestibule, utility room, landscaped 'low maintenance' secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950

COSELEY



Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. AN EXTREMELY LARGE FAMILY HOUSE! A gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed 4/5 bedroom detached providing extremely flexible room arrangements to suit a wide range of family requirements. Accommodation presently comprises entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloak/shower room, sitting room, further reception room (potential fifth bedroom), breakfast kitchen (with 'utility' - conservatory addition), 21ft lounge with patio doors. FOUR BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive brick/block paved parking, DOUBLE GARAGE, gated hard standing suitable for caravan, garden. PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000

PENSNETT



Elgar Crescent

This RATHER WELL PRESENTED AND VERY WELL ARRANGED, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords GAS CENTRAL HEATING and is situated in this established and desirable residential location, and is certainly worthy of internal inspection. The accommodation is seen to briefly comprises: entrance hall, transverse lounge, refitted kitchen/diner, four good bedrooms and bathroom. Large driveway, garage and a good sized rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£194,950

LOWER GORNAL



Himley Gardens

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED link detached enviably situated in quiet backwater with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS yet within walking distance of so many amenities/country park/etc. and where houses are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, transverse 16'2" max lounge, extended T-shape 'hub' of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of oak finish units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden, office, utility room, cloakroom. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), bathroom with white suite. Further potential. Garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

DUDLEY



Austin Close, Milking Bank

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'6" garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,995

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Elmstone Close

Enviably situated just of Richborough Drive with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS, this most attractive, stylish, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached family home occupies a corner plot & is in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms (principal bedroom with en suite), shower room, burglar alarm, garage, block paved driveway & a landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £176,950

KINGSWINFORD



The Knoll

A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME very pleasantly located within this sought after address, offering WELL MAINTAINED and INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, refitted kitchen, rear hall, utility room, garden room, side hallway, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS & classic white bathroom. With lawned foregarden, TARMAC DRIVEWAY, LARGE GARAGE and attractively landscaped low maintenance rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950

LOWER GORNAL



Humphrey Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of 'light beech' units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

WOMBOURNE



The Meadlands

Exceptionally well placed upon the fringe of the very popular 'Pool House Farm' development, this BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and STYLISHLY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious & attractive lounge with dining area off, extended & refitted breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. With fore garden, BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, 48 x 3 CAR TANDEM GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawn rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£173,500

DUDLEY



Richborough Drive

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms with en suite to master, bathroom, garage, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

SEDGLEY



Dormston Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring in quiet cul de sac, an outstanding, exceptionally stylish & well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'reformed' to comprise: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured) with sky lights. Sheltered rear garden with summer house & shed. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

SEDGLEY



Richmond Road

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & semi detached enviably situated with walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured) with sky lights. Sheltered/rear garden with summer house & shed. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,500

WOODSETTON



Ratcliffe Close

A meticulously maintained, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout in favoured cul de sac (where properties are only rarely made available for sale) in popular district. Accommodation includes reception hall, L-shape 24'8" through living/dining room (with patio doors), kitchen; three bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of fitted units), bathroom, lengthy drive, large garage (incorporating laundry section) & a separate toilet. Delightful, well tended, sheltered rear garden with summer house & shed. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,450

COSELEY



Flowerdale Close

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in short cul-de-sac just off Berrington Drive. The superb accommodation provides: entrance hallway, cloakroom, elegant lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Garage, landscaped/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,500

DUDLEY



St. James Road

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950



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Queens Road

An attractive, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached in favoured 'tree lined' road within walking distance of Sedgley centre, open fields & schools, etc. Although modernised, there is further potential with the accommodation providing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, pantry, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking to front, lengthy/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

DUDLEY



Burton Road

An ENLARGED, tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with very flexible room arrangements. Accommodation includes: enlarged porch, imposing reception hall, granny/teenager room (with toilet/handbasin en suite), lounge with bay, dining room, refitted kitchen, pantry, large utility/laundry room. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite. Block paved parking to front, neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,950

LOWER GORNAL



Deepdale Lane

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a lower ground floor flat* comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

WOMBOURNE



Redhill Avenue

Pleasantly situated within this cul-de-sac, forming part of highly sought after Wombourne village, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND VERY ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME offers IMMACULATELY PRESENTED AND VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Inner Hall, spacious Lounge-with-Dining Area, extended and attractively refitted Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances, Utility Room, ground floor WC, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom with separate shower. With an attractive low maintenance foregarden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and beautifully laid out rear garden, with rear Verandah and USEFUL WORKSHOP. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£4,000 REDUCTION

£145,950

COSELEY



Hospital Lane

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district within walking distance of shops, schools, municipal park. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge with bay, dining (patio doors), EXTENDED/refitted 16'9" kitchen with an extensive range of 'light beech' effect units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms, bathroom, parking, delightful secluded rear garden with substantial/secure store. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000

KINGSWINFORD



Summer Street

A MOST DECEPTIVE and CHARMING PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within Kingswinford's old quarter, within walking distance of the heart of the village, offering a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS layout, which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Large attractive Lounge with log burner, separate Dining Room, luxury fitted Kitchen, refitted Bathroom with white suite, TWO SUPERB BEDROOMS (Master with En-Suite Shower Room) and stairs to LARGE ATTIC ROOM. The property is set back beyond a small walled frontage and, to the rear, enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

OPEN VIEWING Sat 6th Oct 10.30-12.30pm

£134,950

COSELEY



Hurst Road, Hurst Hill

A delightful, SPACIOUS, tremendously modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (terraced style) conveniently situated for so many amenities. Superb, well presented accommodation includes lounge (with living flame gas fire), inner lobby, sitting room (with living flame gas fire) & access to useful cellars, refitted 15'7" kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, laundry section, reappointed bathroom with white suite, THREE BEDROOMS, storage cupboard, sheltered & secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

WALL HEATH



Brook Street

BACKING ONTO BEAUTIFUL OPEN COUNTRYSIDE upon the very fringe of Wall Heath village, this CHARMING PERIOD MID TERRACE offers a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PROPORTIONED arrangement of WELL PRESENTED accommodation with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, including: splendid large lounge, separate dining room, attractively refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS and to the rear enjoying a LARGE AND MOST IMPRESSIVE REAR GARDEN with countryside views. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

NEW PRICE

£116,950

LOWER GORNAL



Central Drive

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

PENSNETT



Tiled House Lane

Standing in this established residential location, close to local facilities is this extended, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed 3 bedroom semi detached residence with the useful addition of downstairs walk in shower room, ideal for elderly or disabled people, and comprises: Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, walk in shower room, extended kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to the front and rear, garage, driveway, uPVC gutter & fascia, rarely available. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Offers in the Region Of £114,950

LOWER GORNAL



Roundhouse Road

Enjoying panoramic distant views, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home that has been considerably improved/updated by the present owners, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, concrete print drive, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

DUDLEY



Wrens Nest Road

An exceptionally stylish, already tremendously enhanced, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee in established neighbourhood. Accommodation includes entrance porch, hallway, lounge, inner hall, understairs store, fitted cloakroom, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & various integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, neat garden & gated access to TWO CAR PARKING SPACES. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

NEW PRICE

Offers in the region of £109,950

SEDGLEY



Dudley Road

Absolutely outstanding, THREE BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate terrace that has been TRANSFORMED by present vendors over the years to provide a superb home. The stylish accommodation includes: lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, guest w.c. Two first floor bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, attic bedroom three, and an expertly tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

COSELEY



Prioryfield Close, Hurst Hill

Significantly modernised, freehold, part uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' in cu de sac just off Clifton Street. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, enlarged 17'8" lounge, upgraded kitchen with 'light beech' units & a dining room section. THREE BEDROOMS, there will be a reappointed bathroom with white suite. Potential off road parking to front (kerb not dropped), neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000

COSELEY



Kenelm Road

This traditional style, double glazed (majority of units) and gas centrally heated semi detached now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

WOODCROSS



Beacon Street

Situated on periphery of Sedgley (just off Bath Street), a tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' that has been much enhanced by present vendors. Accommodation provides: lounge, transverse refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'cherrywood' effect units with various integrated appliances. Two bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite. Secluded rear garden, off road parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

UPPER GORNAL



Quarry Bow

A particularly stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS having rare advantage of wider than average potential driveway to side. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, upgraded dining kitchen, walk-in store, lobby, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (one with walk-in store), spacious re-appointed bathroom with white suite, pressed concrete driveway/rear terrace, fenced garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

DUDLEY



Buffery Road

This Victorian style, three bedroomed, gas centrally heated, mid terrace property with uPVC double glazed windows would now ideally benefit from sympathetic modernisation / improvement, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: two Reception rooms, Kitchen, three Bedrooms, Wet Room and rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

NEW PRICE

Offers in the Region Of £74,950

STOURBRIDGE



Trefoil Gardens

This LUXURY, TWO BEDROOM, GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT favours an enviable spot in this development and benefits from it's own independent access. Beautifully presented throughout, with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING: reception hall, generous sitting room with defined dining area, well fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en suite, further bedroom and principal bathroom. Well maintained gardens and grounds surround and with both residents allocated and visitor car parking spaces. A great opportunity for eligible purchasers (i.e. first time buyers / council tenants etc) to own a 50% share in a home, a monthly rent being payable for the remaining share. Additional shares may be purchased. For information about shared ownership / eligibility please call STOURBRIDGE OFFICE 01384 395555.

£68,000 for a 50% Share

DUDLEY



Grove Street

This uPVC double glazed, one bedroomed top floor flat would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom. Available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

NEW PRICE

Offers in the Region Of £32,995



RODENBOYDELL



SEDGLEY

NORTHWAY

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland.

£299,950



BROADLANDS

CHARLECOTE DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£239,950



LOWER GORNAL

FIELDSTONE VIEW

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£219,950



ETTINGSHALL PARK

GROSVENOR ROAD

A four bedroom detached family home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room, a fitted kitchen, a sitting room / snug, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden with distant views.

£219,950



MILKING BANK

WEXFORD CLOSE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a family room/dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage, a pleasant rear garden and panoramic views to the front of the property.

£199,950



SEDGLEY

ELAN ROAD

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room/sitting room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three double bedrooms, a magnificent bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, a gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden.

£199,950



LOWER GORNAL

DEEPPDALE LANE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an elegant reception hall, a through lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a side verandah, a cellar, three good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden

£169,950



SEDGLEY

WARREN DRIVE

A four bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a carport, a garage and a private rear garden.

£169,950



The Beeches

Dearne Court, Woodsetton

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SEDGLEY

ASHEN CLOSE

A two bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, a conservatory, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden that overlooks the local farmland

£167,950



SEDGLEY

COPPICE CLOSE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge a sitting room/dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£162,950



UPPER GORNAL

KENT STREET

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an impressive reception hall, a spacious through lounge, a magnificent re-appointed dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage with an office and w/c to the rear, a gravelled driveway and a delightful rear garden.

£159,950



COSELEY

HOSPITAL LANE

A three bedroom semi detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge/dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a pre-fabricated garage and a pleasant garden.

£142,950



LOWER GORNAL

RUITON STREET

A three bedroom home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£122,950



SEDGLEY

PADARN CLOSE

A three bedroom end town house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with French windows opening onto the rear garden, a superb dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, a pleasant rear garden and allocated parking.

£119,950



COSELEY

BERRINGTON DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, a driveway, a garage and a rear garden.

£117,950



LOWER GORNAL

SANDSTONE CLOSE

A two bedroom end town house that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage situated in an adjacent block and a lovely rear garden.

£99,950



SEDGLEY

THE WALK

A two bedroom semi detached home that would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement to create a lovely home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a through lounge, a dining kitchen, a downstairs w/c, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a pleasant rear garden.

£89,950



ASHDALE PARK

CARDONESS PLACE

A 50% shared ownership property that enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location in a fashionable residential area. This lovely home offers contemporary styled living accommodation and has the benefit of double-glazing and gas fired central heating. It briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a driveway and a rear garden.

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A traditional four bedroom detached property, comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.

Abbotsford Drive Dudley 229,950



A much improved three bedroom detached modern bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom three/bedroom, conservatory, first floor two double bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing recommended.

Grosvenor Road Lower Gornal 204,950



Sitting on a corner plot, this four bedroom detached home offers unusually good off road parking, workshop facility and two garages. With a good rear garden this home needs viewing to appreciate its flexible accommodation.

Thornleigh Lower Gornal 194,950



A well presented detached property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, bedroom but reception room two, downstairs wet room, kitchen, laundry room, conservatory, landing having three bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, garage.

Porthkerry Grove Sedgley 179,950



An attractive much improved semi detached property on the popular Brownsall Estate. This property has been modernised throughout and benefits from an extended second reception room, garage and off road parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN MUST BE VIEWED.

Goodrich Mews Dudley 136,995



A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloak, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Sycamore Green Dudley 124,950



A well improved semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, outbuilding/study, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Hill Road Tividale 119,950



A modern end terrace house, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, first floor landing lounge and bedroom, second floor having two bedrooms & bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Owen Street Dudley 120,000



This three bedroom semi detached property benefits from front & rear gardens, conservatory, spacious kitchen diner. Must be viewed to see full potential.

Corbyn Road Russells Hall 119,950



A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, through lounge, refitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and refitted bathroom, driveway, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Property must be viewed.

East Street Dudley 119,950



A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Sunnybank Road Upper Gornal 114,950



A corner plot extended semi detached property having beautiful gardens to front and rear, garage & off road parking. Must be viewed to appreciate.

Kenelm Road Coseley 110,000



A traditional semi detached property briefly comprising entrance hall, through lounge, extended kitchen, first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway giving off road parking, garden to rear. Central heating and double glazing as specified. No upward chain.

Dudley Wood Road Dudley Wood 109,950



A well presented two bedroom modern terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms with two en-suites, off road parking, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing recommended.

Stoney Lane Netherton 104,950



A three bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, through lounge, refitted kitchen, w.c., first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, central heating. No Upward Chain. Ideal First Time Purchase.

Pebworth Grove Dudley 100,000



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Bunns Lane Dudley 74,950



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Laurel Road Dudley 69,950



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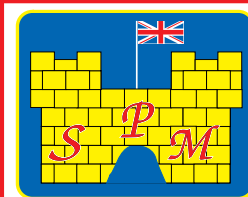


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**NETHERTON
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This attractively presented, extended 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed accommodation pleasantly situated on a wider than average plot in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Superb Refitted Kitchen extension, 2 Double Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Useful L, Large Side Garage, Pleasant Landscaped Rear Garden and wider than average Driveway for 2/3 cars.

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Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this improved 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and UPVC Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the Young Family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant landscaped rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and tarmac driveway for 2/3 cars.

Offers around £99,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
SPRINGFIELD ROAD**

This attractively presented much improved 3 Bedroom Semi Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed accommodation in this very convenient address and represents an excellent opportunity for the discerning young family. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Large attractively refitted Dining Kitchen with integrated dishwasher, Double Glazed Conservatory, Utility Room, 3 good sized Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, splendid good sized mature rear Garden, 30ft side Garage and driveway to front.

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This superbly presented, stylishly appointed 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and part upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family in this popular and very convenient cul-de-sac and must definitely be seen to be appreciated. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Double Glazed Conservatory, Superb Refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower attachment and splendid good sized landscaped Rear Gardens with pleasant outlook.

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Your essential guide to the world of motoring compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

New Mitsubishi is a workhorse which has stylish looks

IT has been some time since I last tested a Mitsubishi L200 and this model, the Trojan, has been reintroduced for 2012.

By Sharon Walters

It is aimed firmly at the building, plumbing, electrical and agricultural sectors and it is easy to see why.

Exterior-wise the Trojan looks every bit as rugged as its predecessor and in Cosmos Black pearlescent paint is pretty striking as well. It comes fitted with 16in alloy wheels, chrome door handles and wing mirrors which add to the overall appeal that has been a trademark of the L200 range.

Internally, the model I drove was not fitted out with the leather seats but this not detract from the look of the interior. What was a bit of a surprise was the dashboard. Although it was well laid out, it seemed to comprise acres of grey plastic. Eminently practical but lacking in aesthetics department, which given the target market will probably not matter one bit!

Keeping it clean will be an absolute doodle, however. The instrumentation is well laid out and easy to read on the move and the convenient layout shows which

mode you are using from two wheel, four wheel or diff lock.

What is noticeable is the engine; I was surprised at just how noisy it was. Never completely intrusive but there nevertheless, although you do get used to it pretty quickly. On the positive side the engine has received a massive 30 per cent increase in power, taking it to 175bhp, which really shows and makes a much better proposition for long-distance work.

On the motorway you could leave it in top and use the power to overtake with ease. The gearbox is well suited to the power of the engine but I kept reaching for a sixth gear (it only has five). That said, the ratios seem well spaced, but I did not test it with a trailer so cannot speak for how well it would cope in these circumstances.

From a handling perspective I will repeat my mantra: coil springs on front; leaf springs on back equals bouncy rear end! It really does help the handling to have a load in the back of the pick-up bed as this softens

the ride. This was most noticeable on the Shropshire lanes where it has to be said you became used to it pretty quickly, and it was never dangerous in any way.

On the motorway it was a completely different story. At 70 mph the Trojan settled down and worked extremely well and made cruising long distances a real joy.

Extras

The test car came with a couple of optional extras. The first was a towbar pack which looked well-made and rugged. The other was a load liner. The good thing about this was that it extended over the side rails so you aren't going to destroy the sides of the bed getting things in and out, but it was shiny and pretty much anything I put in it slid about, so some form of anti-slip is required.

The other criticism is how the bed drains. I found two holes at the front of the bed and could find nowhere where this water went other than drained along the steel bed underneath. Fine when brand new but seems like a serious rust trap to me. It would be far better to exclude these and

make the bed watertight, that way parking on an incline and opening the tailgate works fine. Bearing in mind that this is aimed at traders I can't see this being a hardship.

The Trojan is unashamedly aimed at the people who will help Britain out of recession and as a practical pick-up it

makes an ideal work companion. And if there are any builders interested I think we could probably get five, maybe six bankers in the pick-up bed. So if you need some ballast for your next job the Trojan will handle it with ease!



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The full application can be inspected by contacting the Licensing section (see below) between the of 9:00am and 4:30pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays). An online summary of the application can be viewed on www.dudley.gov.uk
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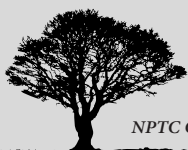
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Dudley Sports Juniors U14 4**
DUDLEY Sports Juniors maintained their unbeaten start to the season with a hard-fought but deserved victory against Brandhall Colts.

Dudley led through Jimmy Williams, but then had to come from behind after Brandhall capitalised on some poor defending to take a 2-1 interval lead.

Goals from Liam Collins, Jack Turner and another from Jimmy Williams took Dudley into a 4-2 lead. Brandhall scored late on to make it a nervy finish.

**Dudley Juniors 0
Dudley Sports Dynamos 3**
Dynamos came through this top of the table clash to keep up their 100 per cent record with a fine display of football. The goals came courtesy of George Taylor who scored two and a long-range shot from Lopes Massampo.

**Dudley Sports East U9 1
Bilbrook South U9 7**
Connor Parmar got the Dudley consolation goal.

**Bilbrook North 2
Dudley Sports West 2**
Dudley earned a share of the spoils with goals from Reece Willets and Luke Daniels.

**Trysull Tigers East U16 3
Dudley Sports U16 1**
Will Spruce found the target for Dudley, but it was not enough.

**Dudley Sports Girls U11 12
Gornal Girls U11 0**
Six-goal Hanna Fellows helped Dudley to a big victory.

Kelly Nicklin bagged a hat-trick, Madison Eden scored twice and Ellie Warr once.

**Brinklow Ladies 0
Dudley Sports Ladies 5**
A Georgina Thacker treble plus two goals from Livie Zare put Dudley in charge of this clash.

Bowling along for a big prize

ENTRIES have poured in for a three-man bowls tournament with an unusual format.

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Avun Jephcott's second goal hits the Causeway net

Jephcott strikes a double

TIVIDALE'S double strike from mid-field playmaker Avun Jephcott saw off Causeway.

There was a warm welcome back to the Beeches before kick-off for Tivdale's returning striker 'Boomerang Billy' Russell, replacing injured Brett Clark to reform a striking partnership with Matt Jukes.

Tivdale applied pressure but Causeway looked dangerous breaking out of their own half at speed.

James Cooper forced the first save as Causeway's Tom Turner held a low drive. In a spell of pressure Matt Jukes had a penalty shout rejected as his heels were clipped when he turned in the box and Russell was thwarted by a

Tivdale 2 Causeway U 0

Darren Whitley tackle. At the other end, Craig Gregg forced a double point-blank save by Tim Beech.

In the 35th minute Jukes' shot flew just over from 20 yards. Minutes later Tim Beech dived to keep out an effort from Aaron Lloyd.

Causeway almost snatched the lead as Stuart How headed wide when well placed at the far post two minutes into the second half. Twelve minutes later Lloyd went closer as his header clipped the outside of the post.

This effort proved to be the wake-up call for the 'Dale and minutes later

Jukes had another well taken effort smothered by Turner.

The game was swinging from end to end and Causeway's Stuart How and Sam Beasley were both thwarted by Beech before Jephcott seized on a blunder by Turner, who lost the ball in flight, to slam the ball into the net from 10 yards.

The goal spurred on Tivdale, who began to play their best football of the match and they fully deserved their second and clinching goal.

The hard-working Jukes was brought down in the penalty area and Jephcott stepped up in the 87th minute to convert a well-taken penalty to seal a hard earned win.

Penney pinches a point at the death

Tipton Town 3 Stratford Town 3
TIPTON Town were up against it from the off at Gospel Oak on Saturday.

They faced free-scoring Midland Alliance leaders Stratford Town without the services of first-team regulars Eric Bowen, Mike Ware, Nathan Waite and Mitch Plows and then saw impressive young goalkeeper Jack Hayfield tweek a hamstring in the warm-up, to be replaced by Neil Page.

A further blow came as Stratford took the lead on 32 minutes through Anthony Robinson, before Tipton skipper Tom Tonks pulled his side level.

As half-time loomed Robinson netted again from close range and just before the break the visitors may well have increased their lead as Jamie Bailey powered a header just over.

Tipton spurned a gifted chance to level in the 54th minute as Matt Martin cleverly out-foxed the visitors' rearguard to slip a pass through to Karl Edwards. But off balance, he miscued and put his effort wide.

Cannoned
Tipton deservedly levelled in the 61st minute as Martin's cross-cum-shot cannoned into the net off the keeper's boot.

Stratford mounted further attacks and went 3-2 up just five minutes later, Josh O'Grady coolly finishing from a dozen yards following a sweeping move.

Richard Huckfield and keeper Page combined to prevent the visitors from stretching their lead and as the game neared its conclusion Tipton seemingly blew their chance of an equaliser in the 86th minute when Nigel Penney expertly evaded two desperate Stratford tackles, only to miscue wide.

But in the 90th minute the striker won the home side a hard-earned precious point.

Chess team's surprise win

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club second team sprung a surprise in the Terrill trophy.

They drew 3-3 at Boldmere, but went through on board countback, where wins on higher-ranked boards take precedence.

The first's match with Shirley & Wythall had several boards adjourned but they hope to go through.

Pottinger plotting to go all out for the win

TEAM MANAGER Will Pottinger insists Heathens will be going for a win on the day in Sunday's Knockout Cup final first leg at Mildenhall.

It's a massive week for Pottinger's side as they also face Stoke at Monmore on Tuesday in the first leg of their National League semi-final play-off with the return at Loomer Road 24 hours later. The Potters' leg should have taken place on Tuesday this week, but was rained off.

Heathens will be without Ashley Morris on Sunday as he is riding for Premier League Workington while Mildenhall will be without Lewis Blackburn because of his Leicester duties. Rider-replacement will operate for both riders.

Pottinger said: "We will go to Mildenhall looking to win on the day. There is no point in saying we will go to keep it close. We don't like losing, it's as simple as that.

"We have riders throughout the team who are capable of big scores and we need everyone to click on the day. I see no reason why we can't go out there and push Mildenhall all the way."

Deserve
South African star Byron Bekker is backing the Heathens for the double.

He said: "We just need to finish the job from now on and get what we deserve. I personally feel we can win the league and cup double.

"I have no problem about facing Stoke and Mildenhall. We go to Mildenhall on Sunday and we need to keep the scores as close as we possibly can to bring them back to our place later in the month.

"Stoke have riders who can present a problem because they can go well around our track but we will

Dudley Heathens

be ready for that. We are desperate to get into the final and win the title.

"It's great to finish top of the league but these days it's all about the play-off system and it all boils down to two legs of speedway."

Bekker says the fans can play a major part in the run-in to the end of the season.

He said: "The fans are amazing. They have really helped the team throughout the season and we're just pleased to be in contention."

If the Heathens get past Stoke, the likely date for their play-off final home leg will be Tuesday, October 30. The following night will be kept in reserve in the event of rain.

Tom Perry finished fourth with 11 points in the National League riders championship at Rye House, won by Stoke's Ashley Birks. Fellow-Heathen Morris scored five.

Heathens on opposite sides for Wolves clash



Dudley Heathens team-mates Ashley Morris, right, and Tom Perry, left, found themselves in opposite sides of the pits when Wolves hosted Belle Vue. Wolves asset Morris stood in for the injured Jacob Thorsell while Perry donned the famous Ace of Clubs racejacket in place of the sidelined Craig Cook. Perry got the better of the pair's individual battles and, but for a thrown chain, might well have helped Belle Vue to victory. His efforts also earned him a spot in the Banks's Olympique on Tuesday, October 16. But it was Morris who ended up on the winning side as Wolves edged it 46-44.
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Deano is getting in shape for title bout

DUDLEY'S Dean Anderson is shaping up for his first title shot against the brother of IBF world champion hopeful Jamie McDonnell.

Anderson will travel to the Doncaster Dome on December 1 to face hometown hero Gavin McDonnell for the British Masters super bantamweight title.

Gavin's sibling Jamie has held the British and European titles at bantam and has a final eliminator for the IBF crown against Vusi Malinga on October 20.

After that, Gavin will look to add the Masters belt to his central area title with Anderson providing the challenge, dropping down from feather in the process.

'Deano' boxed as recently as last week and further enhanced his reputation as an exciting fighter with a four-round slugfest with Bristol's Harvey Hemsley.

Anderson has won five of his seven bouts - two inside the distance. The 25-year-old took time out of the ring after coming a cropper to Birmingham's Sid Razak in 2010, while a compelling brawl with Michael Stupart ended as a draw in May.

Other than that, Anderson has yet to be involved in anything less than a crowd-pleasing contest and even his pro debut was a belter in November 2010.

Adam Hutchinson was halted in the fourth and last rounds before another toe-toe battle saw him outpoint Welshman Chuck Jones a month later.

'Rockin' Robin Deakin - stopped in two - and Andrejs Podusovs, in another over-the-distance thriller, have also fallen to Anderson.

Corbett on the spot

Halesowen 3 Gresley 0
NEW Halesowen manager John Hill watched his in-form team hit three second-half goals to progress to the next round of the FA Trophy ahead of him taking charge.

The first half was even, but the second period was a different matter and the prolific Ben Haseley handed Halesowen a 61st-minute lead.

Halesowen sealed victory with two late penalties.

Haseley was bundled over and Jordi Gough shown a straight red card in an apparent case of mistaken identity. Corbett netted and did so again after Craig Milligan was brought down.

Victory in Kings' first game after promotion

Stafford 2 Kingswinford 3
PROMOTED Kingswinford's first ENER-G League West Midlands Division One game ended in victory.

New-look firsts soaked up pressure for the first 10 minutes but forced their way back into the game and took the lead after a one-two between Cole Hickman and Billy Jawanda led to Hickman flicking the ball neatly over the keeper.

Minutes later, Kings got a penalty corner and new signing Mark Wilson drag-flicked smoothly into the back of the net.

In the second half, Stafford re-organised and scored twice in quick succession but

Kingswinford Hockey Club

Kings went close several times before, five minutes from time, a powerful strike by new signing Gary Oates rocketed off a defender's stick and past the keeper.

Kingswinford 2 Ludlow 1
Kingswinford seconds won after a brilliant yet frustrating performance.

A new-look squad took the game to Ludlow and young Daman Johal, Jassi Bhalal and Surjit Takhar all shaved the post after some neat hockey involving defence to midfield to forwards.

However, a young and hard-running

Ludlow team scored 10 minutes from half-time. The home response was almost immediate as Takhar controlled an aerial pass from Sonny Matharu and levelled.

The second half saw numerous chances spurned, but a tactical change by captain Dulla Sandhu saw veteran Rajinder Sehmbi pushed further forward.

The switch almost paid off immediately when Johal's deft deflection was saved. The winner came when Sehmbi converted a short corner five minutes from time.

Kingswinford 2 Wednesbury 2
With no regular goalkeeper available, first-team midfielder Cole Hickman volun-

teered to go between the sticks for the thirds. Due to match timings, they had to play without a keeper for the first 10 minutes, but still took the lead through rapid veteran winger Richard Turner.

The lead was doubled by Edward Martin's powerful strike after some good movement in the midfield.

A tactical change by Wednesbury resulted in them dominating possession and although there were fine saves from Hickman and resolute defending by Elliot Steedman, Callum Elcock, Thomas Hickman and Kuli Toora, the visitors scored twice in the second half.

Town do it the hard way after big lead

Dudley Town 4 Wednesfield 3
THEY did it the hard way, as Dudley Town moved to within two points of second place in the West Midlands Premier League.

Having been 4-0 up, they let Wednesfield back in during a crazy 10-minute spell.

Dudley have a growing injury list with the latest additions being Alex Cowley and Dreniz Bala who suffered ligament damage while celebrating an equaliser at Cradley Town.

The Robins led on 13 minutes through Rion Francis-Mills and it was 2-0 four minutes later as Francis-Mills scored.

In the 38th minute, Steve Edmunds crossed for Dudley captain Danny Ludlow to net.

It might have been 4-0 on the stroke of half-time, but Anthony Cox's shot hit the woodwork.

Ten minutes after the break Francis-Mills completed his third hat-trick in Town colours but, seconds later, Oal Agbayewe scored for Wednesfield.

Peter Moskal then took advantage of a set-play that the hosts failed to deal with and could have had a third for his side had it not been for Tommy Harper's save.

Wednesfield got a third ten minutes after their first. As Rob Whitley appeared to bring Agbayewe down in the box, substitute Brad Sanderson blasted past Harper.

Dudley denied the visitors a clear chance to equalise and then looked most likely to score as Francis-Mills glanced a shot just wide.

The Robins may build on their form as the injury list reduces.

DK DISAPPOINTING AT THE DEATH AGAIN

Dudley Kingswinford 19 Sheffield Tigers 21
DESPITE outscoring their opponents by three tries to two, DK once again went down at home in the dying moments of the game.

Sheffield levelled with a try two minutes from time and broke home hearts by landing the conversion.

Though DK have won only one game in five, they are actually competing very well in National League Two North.

Against Sheffield they gave up 10 more penalties than their opponents and again lost a high percentage of their lineout ball throws.

The first-ever league game between the clubs was a good spectacle with both endeavouring to play open rugby in front of an enthusiastic crowd of well over 400.

Simon Fletcher and Dan Shakespeare were back at full-back and prop respectively for Rhys Pritchard and James Parkes, who moved to hooker in place of Matt Humphries.

Flanker Joe Carpenter was DK Man of the Match. In the backs Matt Farrington and Stefan Shillingford were standouts, although Duncan Chance was dangerous with ball in hand.

Infringed
DK infringed on 12 minutes and fly-half Tom Outram hit the penalty.

After a third lineout DK attacked and Stefan Shillingford shrugged off tackles for the try for DK to lead 5-3 after 17 minutes.

Tom Outram's penalty put Tigers 6-5 ahead but after Parkes struck a ball against the head on 22 minutes resulting pressure saw Tigers scrum-half Alex Drage penalised for obstruction. Gareth Bown was wide.

On 38 minutes Simon Fletcher fielded a high kick, broke at pace and his pass to

Dudley Kingswinford

Matt Farrington, on the wing, froze the Tigers' cover. He rounded defenders in a 50m dash, cut in and flicked out a scoring pass for Joe Carpenter to score his first try for the club. Bown converted for DK to lead 12-6.

In first-half stoppage time DK were penalised for holding on after the tackle and Tom Outram cut it to 12-9 with the penalty. An ill-directed defensive kick saw Tigers flanker Steve Walker driven over for a try for Tigers to lead 14-12.

Tigers lost replacement forward Callum McKenzie and scrum-half Drage to yellow cards and DK's Stefan Shillingford got through to the line.

Bown's conversion made it 19-14 on 65 minutes but Tigers, still down to 13, attacked and DK lost further lineouts and kicked badly out of hand.

They lost Jon Tideswell to a yellow card on 74 minutes for a late tackle.

Tigers, back to full strength, saw hooker Ross White level after being driven over on 78 minutes.

Tom Outram nailed the crucial conversion. On Saturday, DK are away to Hull Ionians.



Stefan Shillingford stretches over the line to score for Dudley Kingswinford in their narrow loss to Sheffield Tigers

Late goal maintains an unbeaten run

GORNAL nicked an equaliser in the dying moments of seven minutes' stoppage time to extend their Midland Alliance unbeaten run to five games.

The first half saw plenty of effort from both teams but chances were few and far between, Gornal going closest early when new signing Blake Thompson headed across the face of goal. However, Curtis Tilt at the far post could not collect the ball.

James Pemberton stood his ground

Highgate Utd 1 Gornal Ath 1
against Junior Bennett, forcing the striker to hit the home side's best chance over the bar. Thompson was inches off-target with an effort from the edge of the area, while at the other end Andy Fraher's header tested Pemberton.

After the break Gornal should have taken the lead when Marvin Nisbett broke clear, only to drag his shot wide of

the upright. Gornal were awarded a penalty on the hour mark when Chris Rabone was body-checked but his spot-kick was well saved by Edwards.

Highgate took an 84th-minute lead when Liam Florey curled his free-kick high into the roof of the net.

After a challenge on Pete Wood by substitute Karl King, both received their marching orders. Then, in the final moments, Tilt glanced a header into the bottom corner from a free-kick.

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